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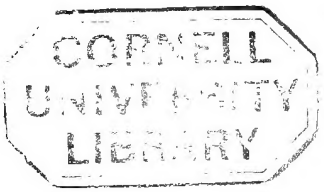

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PREFACE.

THE period of 13 months, comprised in the present volume, embraces events of great political importance—the death and funeral of the Protector Oliver; the peaceable succession of his son Richard; the meeting of Parliament; its failure, when no longer under the guidance of a strong and energetic hand, to hold its ground against formidable military power; its dissolution; the recall of the Long Parliament; the compulsory abdication of Richard Cromwell; and the return of the government as far as practicable into the groove in which it was made to run after the execution of Charles I. in 1649.

When the last volume closed, a High Court of Justice had just been appointed, as a Royalist relates, "comprising "all the Judges, and the Commissioners of the Great Seal, "and a rabble besides," to sit upon those implicated in designs against the Protector or Government; 17 were to form a quorum, but it was doubted whether many would sit "except such rogues as Bradshaw" (p. 5). "The "grand news of the London prints," writes another Royalist correspondent, "is the threats of the formidable "Court of Justice" (p. 12). Although legal authorities were "no friends to this High Court of Justice, it being "so contrary to law, and the many Acts of Parliament "quoted by them," yet Cromwell, having "beaten the "market" and gained a sufficient number of the members, they set to work rigorously. The list of the persons to be tried for treason is given on p. 16; they were 13 in number, including Dr. John Hewett, Sir Hen. Slingsby, Sir Wm. Compton, Sir Rich. Willis, and Sir Hum. Bennett; two others were tried for misprision of treason. Slingsby and Bennett were beheaded, and for the rest, it was for some time doubtful whether they would lose their heads or their estates (pp. 21, 62).

The result of these stringent measures was the restoration of external tranquility, and on July 3, 1658, the Protector issued a declaration for a day of public thanksgiving for deliverance from "an army of Papists and Atheists," who, in conjunction with the King of Spain, had intended an invasion on behalf of Charles Stuart, bribing garrisons to receive them, and plotting insurrections against London, &c.; but this project had been checked by a defeat inflicted on the Spanish army in the Low Countries by the French, and it was noted that in the battle, the English Royalists, who fought for Spain, had been cowardly, whilst the Parliament troops, who assisted the French, had behaved well.

Again, the plague that had threatened England in several places, had disappeared, and therefore, the Protector adds, "though we have been like the burning bush these "past 5 months, we are not consumed; we live in peace" (p. 82). The possession of Dunkirk by the English was also made matter of thanksgiving.

A few weeks later than this thanksgiving day, on 3 Sept. 1658, the Protector breathed his last. The regrets of the nation expressed themselves in sundry fashions, but they reach us chiefly through the letters addressed to the Admiralty Commissioners. One correspondent describes him as "that worthy and famous instrument of God's "glory, and the comfort and happiness of the nation" (p. 133). "Surely," says another, "malice is not so "ignorant, or at leastwise so impudent, but with some "regret of spirit, if they will not sorrowfully confess his "loss, yet they must acknowledge his worth, valour, "wisdom, and piety" (p. 137).

England has probably neither before nor since witnessed such a spectacle as the obsequies of Oliver Cromwell. From the highest to the lowest, every person who held any office, civil, military, or naval, under Government, seems to have claimed and received allowance of cloth for mourning; and among them we read the names of the two

Latin Secretaries, John Milton and And. Marvel, who had at first 9 yards of cloth each assigned to them, though the quantity was reduced to six; 68 poor men, as such, were recommended for gowns. Two committees were appointed, one to superintend the funeral arrangements, and the other the distribution of mourning. After the embalming, the body was conveyed from Hampton Court to Somerset House, which was draped with black—partly velvet, which was ordered to be preserved—and furnished with cloths of estate. The funeral was originally fixed for 9 Nov., but the preparations could not be completed in time, and it had to be postponed to 23 Nov. (pp. 129–132, 141–143, 152, 169, 175, 184), when with 13 standards, "the banner of Cromwell to be borne by a Cromwell," the chief mourner supported by 2 earls, his train borne by 5 peers, and 14 peers as assistants, with horses caparisoned, equerries and trumpets, and military as well as civil pomp, Oliver Cromwell was laid in the resting-place that was not his last, but where his ashes reposed till dragged out to be carried with ignominy to Tyburn.

The expenses of the funeral were enormous. The total of 18,600*l.* was voted in several sums in the present volume (pp. 132, 139, 145, 169, 190, 265), and in August 1659, after the cessation of the Protectorate, a Parliamentary Committee was appointed to examine what was still due for mourning for the late Lord Gen. Cromwell; the bills, signed by the Auditor or servants of Richard Cromwell, still unpaid, then amounted to 19,303*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.*, and this sum was only for cloth and baize, velvet and fringes; it did not include any other items of expense. This sum represents more than 80,000*l.* of our present coinage, therefore the estimate of 150,000*l.* can hardly be too large for the entire expenses of the funeral.

The widow of the late Protector was also dowered to the extent of 20,000*l.* at once, and 20,000*l.* a year, and St. James's Palace was cleared and assigned to her as a residence (pp. 130, 142, 200, 222).

The old French proclamation, "*Le roi est mort; vive le* "*roi*," was not more true to fact in reference to the heir of dynasties that had ruled for centuries than to the heir of the short-lived Protectorate. When in 1657 the right to nominate a successor was granted to Oliver Cromwell, on his declining the proffered crown, no record seems to exist of his exercising the power; but at the same time, the nomination of Richard was certainly taken for granted; for in a letter dating $\frac{13}{23}$ Jan. 1657–58, the term "Pro-"tector" was used in anticipation in reference to him. From that time also, the tone adopted towards him was that belonging to a prince of the blood royal; he became "the most illustrious Lord," and the succession was assumed to be his birthright.

If therefore the tradition of Richard's formal nomination by the Protector Oliver on his deathbed be correct, it was only the enunciation of an appointment already recognized in the diplomatic circle, if not familiar to the people. Proclamation was at once made by order of Council, by the Lord Mayor and four heralds in the City of London (p. 129), and in the several counties, of his succession, and Richard took the needful oaths, and assumed the reins of government (p. 130). The nation generally and the army officers in particular accepted the appointment, "admitting that, "whether according to law, their duty to his father, his "own merits, or the security of the whole nation, nothing "could have been pitched on more universally acceptable "and necessary than this succession" (pp. 136, 235). The commanders of the ships in the fleet concerted together to subscribe a paper signifying their allegiance, which was formally presented to the new Protector (pp. 139, 154).

These halcyon days of domestic tranquility were not destined to last. The generals and officers at sea complained of the continuance of a standing army, when there was no internal foe to combat, and urged that the militia amply sufficed, for that the seamen were really those who had to fight and run risks for the State (p. 262).

The Parliament summoned for January 1659 consisted to a large extent of new members,* whose election had been sharply contested in many instances, but still the party in favour of the Protectorate was strong (pp. 221, 225, 262, 336).

But the army did not require many months to discover that the hand which held the rein had no longer the iron grasp of the first Protector, and like a restive horse, they took advantage of feebleness. The officers began to hold secret meetings, which Parliament discovered and forbade. The outcome of this was that in April 1659, Fleetwood, who was at the head of the opposing cabal, with many other officers, waited on Richard, and compelled him to sign a bill for the dissolution of Parliament, without even giving him time to take the opinion of his Council. The dissolution, whether legal or not, was carried out by force.

An intelligencer writes that "the Protector is in ill "condition; he rages against Fleetwood, whom the army "have declared General, and Desborow Lieut.-General, "and it is not yet known who will be master. The "people are in strange consternation" (pp. 335, 336).

The step from dishonour to dismissal was a short one, and rapidly taken. The army officers, always at heart enemies to rule by a single person, whether styled King or Protector, had submitted to Oliver through the sheer force of his personal character, but they resolved to discard Richard. Yet wishing to keep up the semblance of constitutional government, they resolved to recall the Long Parliament, as it was when dismissed by Cromwell, and through Parliament, to end the Protectorate, proposing to allow Richard 20,000*l.* a year, and Somerset House (pp. 337–340).

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* A list of the entire Parliament on a contemporary broadside is among the papers, and is valuable, especially as it gives the Upper House as well as the Lower, and the former is not printed in the Parliamentary history (p. 266).

The first act of the restored Parliament was to settle the State "without a single person, Kingship, or House of Peers;" the next was to take upon itself the formation of a Committee of Safety and for nomination of officers, thus taking care that those who held the sword should be indebted to themselves for office, and therefore be liable to be disbanded at pleasure.

The primary object of the Committee of Safety was to see that all places of trust, civil and military, were in the hands of persons on whom Parliament could rely, and no commissions were considered valid, unless sanctioned by their approval. The lists of officers of one regiment after another were laid before them, and any suspected of disaffection or immorality removed, and substitutes found chiefly from the yeomen of the guard; the remaining officers were confirmed in their places, and recommended to Parliament for fresh commissions. The lists of many of the regimental officers are printed in the Journals of the House of Commons, and are therefore not reprinted here, but in those cases where in the Commons' Journals the names are omitted, the lists of the officers are here given in full.

The Committee for nomination of officers, consisting of all the members of the Committee of Safety who were also members of Parliament, formulated the nominations that were made, for presentation to Parliament; their orders, as well as the orders relating to Ireland and Dunkirk, are copied into separate Books; but as the orders all originated in the Committee of Safety, they are amalgamated in its daily proceedings (pp. 343–4, 347, 352, 375, 382, 383, 387, 392, 394).*

* In the references, I. 127 represents the Draft Order Book of the Committee of Safety, from 13 June to 7 October 1659.

I. 128 summarizes the results of the proceedings in nomination of officers, most of which are given in more detail in I. 127; it extends from 13 June to 21 July 1659.

I. 129 contains orders relating to Ireland, 13 June to 18 July 1659.

I. 130 contains orders chiefly, though not entirely, relating to Dunkirk; part of it consists of the proceedings of a small Committee for Dunkirk 11 August—11 October 1659.

Parliament also nominated a fresh Council, reverting to the original title of Council of State; four only of its members, Desborow, Fleetwood, Sydenham, and Jones, had belonged to the Protector's Privy Council, and of these the three first had been active in unseating the second Protector. Twelve of the number had sat in the Council of State in 1649, and several others in succeeding Councils, so that they were familiar with the general routine of business.

Parliament also revised all legal and civil offices, retaining those whom they judged fitting, and appointing substitutes for the rest (pp. 340–344, 388).

On 12 May 1659 appeared an important petition of the army officers to Parliament, which really contains a programme of the work which they expected to be done, one item of which was the payment of all debts contracted by both Protectors since 15 December 1653, the gift to Richard of 10,000*l.* at once, and 10,000*l.* a year more, with a "convenient house" for life; and the settlement of 8,000*l.* a year intead of the 20,000*l.* before named for Oliver's widow (pp. 345, 346). A deputation was appointed to "consider the condition of the eldest son of the late "Lord General Cromwell, learn his estate, his debts, and "how they were contracted, how far he acquiesces in the "present Government, and offer what on the whole they "conceive expedient on his behalf" (p. 347).

Richard replied in a few days, giving an account of his debts, stating that he values the peace of the Commonwealth above his own concerns, that he acquiesces in the present Government, will demean himself peaceably under it, and expects its protection. On this Parliament undertook to pay the debts, and requested him to retire from Whitehall "and dispose of himself as his private occasions require," and ordered him 2,000*l.* for the expenses of his removal (p. 356). He lingered on for some days, and ventured on a day's excursion to shoot deer at Hampton Court; but after he had shot one deer, he was informed that Parliament sent word that none were to be killed, and so his sport

ended, and he retired to the life of a country gentleman (p. 367, 388).

The Cavaliers had watched these transitions of government with keen anxiety, hoping that some turn of fortune's wheel might be friendly to the Royalist cause, but the time was not yet come (pp. 339, 341, 347, 387, 388).

In November 1658, the rumour of an intended peace between Spain and England, possibly invented to alarm France, then at war with Spain,—disquieted the Royalists lest their King should be "deserted and thrust out by Spain, as he was by France" (pp. 194, 247, 254), but the change of rule in England in May 1659 put a stop to any project of foreign negotiations, until the home government should be settled (p. 339).

The Council of State records after Oliver Cromwell's death are extremely imperfect. When perfect they should consist of 5 series, viz.:—

Council of State Order Books.
Indexes to ditto.
Council of State Letter Books.
" " Warrant Books general.
" " " " for payment of money.

But the following table will show their defectiveness.

1658.		Index.		Warrants General.	Warrants for Money.
Sept. - -					
Oct. - -		"		"	"
Nov. -		"		"	"
Dec. - -		"		"	"
1659.					
Jan.		"		"	"
Feb. -		"		"	"
March -		"		"	"
April		"		"	"
May -		"	Letters.	"	"
June -		"	"		"
July - -		"	"		"
Aug. -	Order Book.	"	"		"
Sept. - -	"	"	"		"
Oct. -	"	"	"		
Nov. -			"		
Dec. -					
1660.				Warrants General.	
Jan. -		"	"		"
Feb. - -		"	"	"	"
March		"		"	"
April -		"		"	"
May -		"		"	"

By this table it will be perceived that there is a *hiatus* in the Council Order Books from August 1658 to August 1659, and again from October 1659 to the restoration. For the first of these periods, the only records extant of the proceedings of Council are Indexes to the missing order books, in which the entries are of course extremely bald; but this notwithstanding, in a period so important, and where authentic information is so scanty, it was thought better to attempt from them a re-construction of the missing books. Skeleton Order Books were prepared and paginated, and then from each column of the index, all the entries were transferred to the pages indicated, excepting a few petitions of persons of names unknown, where there was no clue to the subject of the petition.

In this way the outlines of the missing books were reconstructed, but the next difficulty was that of dating the entries. The dates have been supplied from four sources—

1st. Orders to the Admiralty Commissioners, copies of which have been found among the Admiralty papers, in the ratio of 12 to 20 per month, which fix the dates of almost all the orders indexed as issued to that Committee.

2nd. Endorsements on petitions. These give the date of the reference or order on the petitions; the index gives the page, and therefore the dates can be affixed with certainty to many pages.

3rd. Books of warrants, passes, &c., issued by Council.

4th. Books of warrants for payment of money.

In the latter of the two periods, there is the further aid of two Letter Books. Warrants and letters were sometimes written on the day on which they were ordered in Council, sometimes a few days later, therefore the dates given by them are not exact.

From these sources combined, the entries have been carefully dated; sometimes the dates are absolutely

correct, sometimes they may be only proximately so, but the divergence cannot in any case be more than that of a few days. The entries are headed in the Calendar "Index "entries of Proceedings in Council," and references are given to the columns of the index book, in which the entries occur, while a note at foot states the pages in the missing order book which would include the entries for the several days.

Owing to the loss of the Council Book of Richard Cromwell's protectorate, the attendances at the Privy Council cannot be given at all from Sept. 1658 to May 1659.

When the new Council of State was formed in May 1659, it became customary that not merely the President as formerly, but some of the members, varying in number from 6 to 14, should sign the warrants; therefore from these signatures a table has been formed, which may be regarded as proximately, not absolutely correct. It may not represent the entire number of the sittings of Council, because there were days on which Council met, and no documents had to be signed. Again, members might be present who did not sign any of the warrants.

The names most frequently occurring as president are Sir Jas. Harrington, Sir Arch. Johnston, laird of Wariston, Bulstrode Whitelock, Sir Art. Heselrigge, and Sir Hen. Vane. This Council had sat only two months when the present volume closes.

The general toleration exercised towards Christians of all denominations during the Protectorate was but imperfectly extended to Quakers. It is true that this now peace-loving community were highly provoking in their frequent disturbances of public worship, and in the absence of that toleration towards others which they claimed for themselves. Their only power was that of the tongue, but they exercised it unsparingly in their fierce denunciations of the religious opinions of others.

Then the old grievances of refusing to remove the hat or to swear in a court of justice gave a handle to their opponents of which unfair advantage was often taken.

Yet even these circumstances can hardly account for the widespread persecution of which details occur in the present volume. Lists are given of 123 "Friends" imprisoned for conscience sake, some of whom had been hunted out of their meetings and whipped, and some had been confined 2 years. They make a pathetic appeal to those who have "cast off the burden of oppression," and have "so much pretended liberty of conscience." "What "have we done?" say they; "what laws have we "broken? what plots have we engaged in? Have we "not patiently borne the greatest sufferings ever since "Queen Mary's days? We have been beaten, stoned, "stocked, hauled out of our synagogues, cast into dun-"geons and noisome vaults, denied food for days together, "not allowed pen, ink, and paper, and a legal trial refused "or postponed for months or years, during which some "have died" (pp. 146–148). There is an instructive paper giving, in parallel columns, the grounds assigned by Quakers themselves for their committal, and the explanations of the magistrates thereupon. The majority of the cases committed were for non-payment of tithes, and in two instances, goods to the value of 99*l.* were seized for tithes. The appeal concludes, "Now ye "that be in authority, consider these things; search the "records, for you will hardly find so many in prison for "conscience sake since the days of Queen Mary as now "is in your day; and if you do not release them, but "harden your heart against them, and let them lie and "die in prison, it is a sign you are without pity and "without feeling" (pp. 148–150).

This appeal was not without effect. Council ordered enquiries to be made from the keepers of 36 prisons, in each of which from 1 to 12 Quakers were imprisoned, as to the cause of their commitment and detention, and

copies of their committal warrants were ordered to be sent up (p. 156). The answers to this mandate give many particulars of the "trespasses and contempts" of which the Quakers were accused, and of their frequent refusal to give the securities which would have obtained their liberation (pp. 157–160, 164–166, 213). Those who were in the Fleet Prison presented their own statement of their case, alleging refusal to swear as the chief cause why some have been two years in prison. "All we were willing "to appear and to give in our answers," they say, "but "because we would not swear, they cast us into prison, "which they call a contempt, but we are obedient to the "doctrine of Christ and the Apostle, who saith, 'Swear "'not at all.' Is not this a sad thing among you, that "obedience to Christ's commands is called a contempt? "and thus the righteous suffer, and few lays it to heart, "not only we, but many more in other prisons" (p. 163).

The result of the investigation was the appointment of a Committee of Council to sit upon the case of the Quakers, and especially to respond to an appeal made by them for pardon of seven still in prison on account of non-payment of tithes. In this document they pleaded also that 34 Quakers, still in prison for contempt by warrant from the late Protector, are virtually liberated by his decease. They suggested, as a means for preventing further mischief, that the Protector and Council should issue a circular letter to the judges, suggesting to them that they should order the removal of the hats of Quakers before they came into court, and thus prevent the frequent accusations of contempt of court (pp. 199, 200). These questions were still under consideration, but nothing was decided upon at the time of the change of government in May 1659.

When the commissions of all the civil officers were renewed, the Quakers made strenuous efforts to obtain the election of justices of peace who should either be favourable to their cause, or at least impartial; they

endeavoured to influence their members on this point, returning lists from several counties of those who have been persecutors, those who are judged moderate, and those who are friendly (pp. 354, 358–360); but still, even in this juncture, they lacked discretion, for on June 1, 1659, we hear of a number of Quakers entering Canterbury Cathedral, disturbing the minister during the service, and causing a tumult afterwards (p. 364).

Religious intolerance was not shown merely to Quakers. We find complaints of a Congregationalist being fined 2*s.* 6*d.* for every day's absence from his parish church (p. 31); articles against the minister of Frodsham on doctrinal points (p. 43); a quarrel between the minister of Tewkesbury and a Malignant or Royalist lecturer who was intruded upon him, and an attempt made by him to stop the lecturer, resulting in the imprisonment of his agent (p. 117). Again we find at Bury St. Edmunds the Congregationalists petitioning against the Presbyterian party, for engrossing the use of the two principal places of worship in the town, and begging that the chancel of the church in Mary's parish may be appropriated to them, the place being so large that two congregations can meet without disturbing each other (p. 176). In Coventry a "gathered church," whose principles are not stated, begs the use of a vacant corporation church, but not a parish church, for their gatherings, hitherto held in a private house (p. 175).

At Badington, in Gloucester, a minister who had been appointed by the Protector Oliver was persecuted on his death by the adherents of the former minister, who broke into the church by force, and the minister took possession of the pulpit (p. 189).

A minister in Luton refused to permit the burial of a lady in his church if the Common Prayer Book service were used, when the church was forcibly broken into by friends of the deceased, who persisted in the performance of the old burial rites (p. 37.)

The Common Prayer book was rigidly disallowed, and its use was classified with drunkenness and fighting in the articles preferred against John Owsley, minister of Claypoole, in Lincolnshire, by his parishioners (p. 30). Council also issued formal letters to abolish the celebration of Christmas, and the use of the Common Prayer book (p. 225).

The mayor of Boston and other gentlemen of Lincolnshire complained that some of their brethren were persecuted last Lincoln assizes, for not administering the Lord's Supper to all their parishioners, according to the statute of 1 Edward VI., which proceeding raised hopes of indiscriminate admission to the sacraments, as in the time of the late bishops; but the petitioners plead that "liberty of conscience being the chiefest jewel lately "purchased so dearly," ministers should not be punished for making a distinction between the "precious and the vile" (p. 194).

On shipboard, discussions occasionally arose between the captain and superior officers and the chaplain, when his religious opinions differed from theirs; we have two instances of appeal in such cases to the Admiralty Commissioners to settle the disputes (pp. 283, 312).

The present volume comes down to June 1659, within 12 months of the restoration of Charles II. It is expected that the next volume will conclude the historical series of the Interregnum papers.

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Table of Attendances of the Privy Council.

Names.	May 1658.										June 1658.									
	4	6	11	12	13	18	20	25	27	Totals 9.	1	3	8	10	15	17	22	24	29	Totals 9.
Lord Protector Cromwell -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
Lord Rich. Cromwell -	p	p	–	–	p	p	p	–	p	6	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2
President Hen. Lawrence -	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	9	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	9
Desborough, Maj.-Gen. John -	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	7	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	7
Fiennes, Col. John - -	–	–	–	p	–		–	–	–	1	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	1
Fleetwood, Chas., Lord Deputy	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	9	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	8
Jones, Col. Phil., Comptroller -	p	p	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	7	p	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	7
Lisle, Viscount -	–	p	p	p	p	p	–	–	–	5	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	7
Montague, Col. Edw. -	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	–	p	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Mulgrave, Earl of -	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Pickering, Sir Gilbert, Lord Chamberlain - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	p	p	–	–	p	p	–	4
Rouse, Colonel Ant. -	–	–	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	5	p	p	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	4
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. Phil.	p	p	p	p	p	–	–	–	–	5	–	–	p	p	p	p	–	–	p	5
Strickland, Walter - -	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	–	7	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	9
Sydenham, Colonel Wm.	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	8	p	p	–	p	–	p	–	p	p	6
Thurloe, John, Secretary of State	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	7	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	8
Wolsley, Sir Chas. -	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	6	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	9

Names.	July 1658.										August 1658.										Sept. 1658.
	1	6	8	13	15*	20*	22*	27†	29*	Totals 9.	3†	3	5*	12	17†	19*	24†	26	31	Totals 9.	2
Lord Protector Cromwell -	–	–	p	–	p	–	–	–	p	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–
Lord Rich. Cromwell - -	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	p	p	4	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	8	–
President Lawrence -	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	9	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	8	p
Desborough, Maj.-Gen. John -	–	p	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	3	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	9	p
Fiennes, Col. John - -	p	p	–	p	p	–		–	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	p
Fleetwood, Chas. - -	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	p	p	7	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	8	–
Jones, Col. Phil., Comptroller -	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	7	–	–	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	5	–
Lisle, Viscount - - -	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	p	p	7	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	9	p
Montague, Col. Edw. -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	6	p
Mulgrave, Earl of - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	–
Pickering, Sir Gilbert, Lord Chamberlain -	p	–	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	6	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	–	–	6	–
Rouse, Col. Ant. -	–	–	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	2	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
Skippon, Maj.-Gen. Phil.	p	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	–	2	p
Strickland, Walter	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	–	–	6	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	8	p
Sydenham, Col. Wm. -	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	1	p
Thurloe, John, Secretary of State	p	p	p	–	p	p	p	p	p	8	–	–	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	6	p
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	p	p	p	–	–	–			–	3	–	–	–	p	p	p	–	p	p	5	p

* At Hampton Court. † At Whitehall.

Table of Attendances of the Council of State.

Names.	May 1659.					June 1659.															
	24	26	27	30	31	6	7	9	13	14	15	17	18	21	23	24	27	28	29	30	Totals 20.
Berners, Josiah	–	–	–	p	–	–	p	–	–	p	p	p	–	–	p	–	p	–	p	–	8
Bradshaw, John	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Bury, Jas.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Challoner, Thos.	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	–		p	–	–	p	p	–	–	–	–	p	–	9
Cooper, Sir A. A.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Desborough, Col. John	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Dixwell, Col. John	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	p		p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Downes, Col. John	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Fairfax, Thomas Lord	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Fleetwood, Lt.-Gen. Chas.	–	–	–		–	–	–	–		–	–		–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	1
Harrington, Sir J.	–	p	p	p	p	–		p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p		6
Hesilrigg, Sir A.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Honeywood, Sir Rob.	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	–	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	p	15
Johnston, Sir Arch., Laird of Wariston	p		–	–	–	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	16
Jones, Col. John	–	–	–	p	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	p	p	–	–	p	p	8
Lambert, Maj.-Gen. John	–	–	–	p	p	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	p	p	p	p	–	–	p	p	9
Ludlow, Lt.-Gen. Edm.	–	–	–	p	p	–	–		–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	4
Morley, Col. Herbert	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	–	p	–	p	p	p	p	–	7
Nevill, Hen.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	p	–	–	p	–	–	p	p	5
Reynolds, Rob.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
St. John, Oliver	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Salway, Major	–	–		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	1
Scott, Thos.	–	p	p	p	p	p	–	p	p	–	p	–	p	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	10
Sydenham, Col. W.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Sydney, Col. H.	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	p	p	6
Thompson, Col. Geo	–	–	–	p	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	p	p	–	–	–	–	p	6
Townsend, Sir Hor.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Vane, Sir Hen.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	p	–	p	p	–	–	–	–	p	p	6
Wallop, Rob.	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Walton, Col. V.	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	p	–	p	–	4
Whitelock, B.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	p	–	–	–	–	–	2

Table of Attendances of the Committee of Safety and for Nomination of Officers.

Names.	June 1659.										
	13.	16	17	18	20	21	25	27	29	30	Totals 10.
Berry, Col.	×	—	—	×	×	×	×	p	—	×	7
Desborough, Col.	—	×	×	×	×	×	×	—	—	—	6
Fleetwood, Lord	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	\	—	×	9
Hesilrigg, Sir Art.	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	10
Jones, Col. John	p	p	—	p	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Lambert, Lord	—	×	×	p	—	p	×	\	×	×	8
Ludlow, Lieut.-Gen.	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	10
Salway, Major	—	p	—	p	—	—	—	p	—	p	4
Scott, Major	—	p	—	p	—	—	—	—	—	×	3
Sydenham, Col.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Vane, Sir Hen.	×	×	×	×	\	—	×	p	—	×	8

Note.—That this mark \ signifies the Committee for Nomination of Officers, and this mark × attendance on both Committees.

DOMESTIC PAPERS.

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1658. May 1. Approval by the Protector of 10 orders, 22–29 April. [*I.* 78, *p.* 588.]

May 3. Newent. **1.** Ro. Stratford to Edw. Marten, Clifford's Inn. Send by the next post a *clausum fregit* to the sheriff of Gloucestershire, for Wm. Cole, plaintiff, against Thos. Addis of Newent. Direct to Wm. Cole of Newent, care of Walter Cole, shoemaker, Gloucester. I begin my journey for London this day week. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 4. **2.** Petition of Lieut.-Col. John Hunkyn, governor of the Scilly Islands, to the Protector. The stores of ammunition in the garrison are decayed, there being only 77 barrels of powder left there by the enemy at the surrender of the islands, which is now unfit for service. There is also great want of sacker and minion shot, there being only 2 shots apiece for all the sacker and minion guns on the islands. Begs 200 barrels of powder, and 3 tons of sacker and minion shot, that he may be able to defend the islands in case of any vicissitude of affairs. Also an order for a frigate to receive and convey the said goods, and to bring back the decayed powder. With note for 100 barrels of powder, 1,200 sacker and 600 minion shot. [1 *page.*]

May 4. **3.** Reference thereon in Council to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider what stores should be sent, and report. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 592.]

May 4. **4.** Petition of the inhabitants of Rushall, co. Stafford, to the Protector. During the late war, Rushall Hall was a garrison for Parliament, and Capt. Tothill, the governor, was obliged to demolish the parish church. We are so few and poor that we cannot rebuild it at our own charge; therefore we beg a patent for a collection in cos. Stafford and Warwick. With reference, 27 March 1658, to the Privy Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

4. I. *Certificate of Thos. Compton and* 6 *other justices of peace of co. Stafford to the truth of the petition, and that the rebuilding of the church will cost* 300*l.* 6 *October* 1657. [1 *page.*]

May 4. Order thereon in Council granting the petition. [*I.* 78, *p.* 596.]

May 4. **5.** Petition of Jas. Orton, minister, and 22 others, churchwardens and inhabitants of Edgbaston, co. Warwick, to the

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Protector. Our parish church, a handsome structure, was partly burnt in the late wars, and partly pulled down by Col. Fox, governor of the garrison near, and the materials employed for the garrison; so that we have had to resort to remote parish churches, or to use such weak means as we could procure. Being most of us tenants at will, we cannot afford the cost, 800*l.*, to rebuild the church, and therefore beg a patent for collecting charitable aid. With reference to Privy Council, 3 May 1658. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

5. I. *Certificate by Rich. Temple and* 6 *other justices of peace in favour of the petition, as there are* 60 *families in Edgbaston, and it is* 3 *miles from Birmingham, which is a great market town, and having but one parish church, some of its inhabitants heretofore resorted to Edgbaston.* 18 *March* 1657–8. 7 *signatures and seals.* [1 *sheet.*]

May 4. Order thereon for a patent for collecting in cos. Warwick and Stafford. With addition, 20 May, of cos. Chester, Worcester, Northampton, and Hereford. [*I.* 78, *p.* 597.]

May 4. **6.** Petition of Rich. Bundle, husbandman, of Chertsey, Surrey, to the Protector, for a patent for his relief. Lost all his corn, barn, and stable, value 570*l*, by fire on 23 October 1657, and is undone thereby. With reference to Council 16 April 1658. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

6. I. *Certificate by Richard and Art. Onslow and* 3 *other justices of peace of Surrey to the truth of the petition.* [½ *page.*]

May 4. Order thereon advising a patent for collection of benevolence in Sussex and Surrey; Berks and Hants added 18 May. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 597–624.]

May 4. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. To recommend the Trustees for the Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 60*l.* on Sam. Manning, of Cookley, co. Suffolk. Approved 7 May.

2. Also one of 50*l.* on Sam. Petto, of Sandcroft, co. Suffolk. Approved 7 May.

3. To advise a grant of a salary to Aaron Stocall, Advocate-General in Jersey, equal to that of the Procurator there.

4. To allow the War Treasurers to peruse the examinations of Jno. Drywood and Dudley Short, and have all their papers and accounts which are before Council, to enable them to settle the business of Geo. Bilton.

5. The draft of a grant for better propagation of the Gospel in the Highlands of Scotland read, agreed to, and sent up to his Highness.

7. The Committee on Mich. Molins' petition to hear from John Rusden why he disobeyed Council's order by not paying what was directed, and to report.

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8. Order on petition of William, Earl of Lothian, and a letter from General Monk on his behalf, for a letter to the Council in Scotland, to send for those at whose suit the Earl is prosecuted for public debts, and persuade them to forbear till some other course can be taken in Parliament for their satisfaction.

9. Fleetwood and Mr. Comptroller to consider an order made in favour of several persons in Scotland concerning debts, and if it is not confirmed by Parliament, and any of the persons who prosecute the Earl take the benefit of the said order, to insert a clause in the above ordered letter not to allow such persons the said benefit.

10. Desborow, Fleetwood, Jones, Rich. Cromwell, Strickland, Skippon, and Mr. Secretary to consider how the records and books in possession of the Fraudulent Debentures' Commissioners may be preserved, consult with counsel learned, and report.

11. To recommend an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 700*l.*, that he may give Edw. Cressett, Thos. Gorge, Robt. Pelham, Thos. Creswell, Robt. Shapcott, and Fras. Thompson 100*l.* each for their services as Fraudulent Debentures' Commissioners, and 100*l.* for the under officers and incident charges.

12. The petition of the participants in draining the level of Hatfield Chase, cos. York, Lincoln, and Notts, and of the poor Protestant strangers residing there, referred to Rich. Cromwell, Mr. Comptroller, Fleetwood, Mulgrave, Wolsley, Sydenham, Montague, and Desborow, to report.

14. The petition of Sam. Mico and Rich. Baker, merchants of London, referred to Montague, Sydenham, Jones, Wolsley, Desborow, Skippon, and Strickland, to report.

15. Hen. Dunscombe's petition referred to the same Committee.

16. The petition of the surveyors of the Commissioners for new buildings read and referred to Fleetwood, Jones, Montague, Wolsley, Desborow, Strickland, Sydenham, and Mr. Secretary, to advise what should be allowed them.

17. To advise the approval of articles of peace given, concluded by Capt. John Stoakes with Tunis.

18. Mr. Secretary reports a list of 72 captives redeemed at Tunis 8 February 1657–8.

19. The Customs' Commissioners to pay Captain John Stoakes 2,871*l.* 10*s.* which he advanced in redeeming the said 72 captives. Approved 7 May.

20. **7.** The Admiralty Commissioners to accept such bills of exchange for 5,000*l.* as Capt. Jno. Stoakes shall present according to instructions from his Highness, and to order the Navy Treasurer to pay them up to 5,000*l.* Approved 7 May.

21. Desborow, Montague, Mr. Secretary, Mr. Comptroller, Rich. Cromwell, and Fleetwood to read and report their opinion on the several letters presented by Mr. Secretary, from Capt. John Stoakes and Chas. Longland, Agent at Leghorn.

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22. The said letters to be sent to the Admiralty Commissoners, to consider Capt. Stoakes' desire, with effect.

23. The petition of the noblemen, gentlemen, citizens, and others of Scotland referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

24. Also the petition of Thos. Salmon, clothier of Wells.

25. To advise an order to pay the Countess of Clanricard 100*l.* for expenses of the funeral of the late Earl.

26. Order on a draft Proclamation summoning the High Court of Justice to meet, to fill in the blank for the place of meeting with "the painted chamber, Westminster," and the day "May 12," and send it up to his Highness.

27. The Committee on the business of the said Court to attend his Highness, and hear his pleasure concerning what prisoners shall be tried.

31. Whereas Nath. Stirrop, one of the treasurers for taking accounts, is dead, and some persons scruple to pay money on the acquittance of Lieut.-Col. Geo. Crompton, the surviving treasurer,—order that he is fully authorized to receive the said moneys, and give acquittances therefor. Approved 7 May. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 589–598.]

May 4.
Whitehall.

President Lawrence to the sheriffs of counties in England and Wales. We enclose a declaration for a day of fasting and humiliation, and desire you to deliver it to all ministers in your respective counties. [*I.* 78, *p.* 871.]

May 4.

Declaration by the Protector. Considering the condition of the people in the Highlands, for want of the preaching of the Gospel and schools for training youth, "whereby they are little different from the most savage heathens," and finding it a duty not only to have the Gospel set up, but schools for children erected, and maintenance provided therefor; and hearing that in the time of Popery, there were small rents out of several church lands in Scotland, which went to maintain church officers, were granted by the late King to divers persons, and have now fallen into our hands by the decease of the persons and expiration of the grants, and are in the hands of private persons having no right thereto:—We and our Council, desiring that the people may be instructed in the knowledge of God, their children educated, and vice suppressed, have appropriated 1,200*l.* a year to be proportioned by our Council in Scotland to these purposes, the money to be uplifted out of the readiest of the rents of the said church offices and concealed church rents. We therefore authorize them to use all lawful means to discover and improve the said rents, to appoint officers to manage the money, and appropriate it to ministers and schoolmasters; the keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland and the director of the Chancery to pass this under the Great Seal *per saltum*, without other warrant or seal. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 589–591.]

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Whitehall.

8. Warrant by the Protector to the Admiralty Commissioners, to give order forthwith for one of the State's ships to transport Frances, the wife of Geo. Downing, English Resident at the Netherlands, with her servants and other necessaries, to her

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husband at the Hague, and to take especial care that she is treated with due respect, in all things answerable to her degree and quality. [1 *page.*]

May. 4 Whitehall. **9.** Certificate by Nich. Lockyer, Peter Sterry, and Randolph Yearwood, to the holiness of life, ability, and fitness for the ministry of Thos. Lamb, minister. [½ *page.*]

May $\frac{4}{14}$. Bruges. Jos. Jane to [Sec. Nicholas]. I send an enclosure. I hear the King stays for money. Those of this country must be little interested in his journey, or they would find money to set it forward; they may so know the intentions of those to whom he goes as to consider it fruitless; but subsistence for a while at least may be expected. We have a small congregation here, but expect its increase by the return of some from Brussels. The bishop [of Derry] yet officiates, but is going to Bristol before the King's removal. I hear that when Lord Napier moved for his pay, he had a short answer. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

May $\frac{5}{15}$. Bruges. Jos. Jane to Sec. Nicholas. It is strange that the King's going to Frankfort, which is in everybody's mouth, should be thought a secret. I wish Dr. Earles may come hither, for the Bishop [of Derry] is going, and then we must depend on Mr. White's good nature.

I have had professions and promises, and may have lost nothing by not being on the list, but see not why I should be omitted and the chamber keeper on it; I hear I am little in favour of those in power. It is scarce credible to some that I am and ever have been without allowance. I have never borrowed of any but you, but have been supplied by the favour of others. It will much add to my affliction when I am compelled to ask from men that profess love, and have it not, but God will not forsake me, and I care not to raise myself with men.

You will now see the list of the High Court of Justice, comprising all the Judges and the Commissioners of the Seal; I believe few will sit except such rogues as Bradshaw, but there is a rabble besides, and 17 are a quorum. You will now hear of the delusion of the French at Ostend. I hoped at first that some of Cromwell's ships might be taken, but they are all small French barks. I look not for any assistance here for our going over; nothing will be done unless there be a sure and easy game, which cannot be hoped, and I doubt whether those in England will give us credit unless we change hands. Our great ones may not withdraw their professions of esteem from one whom they recommended, how faulty soever he prove, and it shows too great tameness to bear the affront which a bare reproof could not vindicate, nor anything but a rigorous exclusion; but we live not in such days, hence the continuance of our misery. The esteem of the least number with us makes men despise all the rest.

It is Lord Peterborough's brother who married Mrs. Carey; he is one of the persons to be brought to this stage. I cannot believe Sir John or the lawyers will sit if J. Russell be one of those they

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must condemn. If proofs be equal, they will sooner take Sir Wm. Compton than him.

I did not want you to tell the King of my intention for Holland, as you are returning hither, but your stay may be prolonged, as this snap of the French will retard their motions nearer us. [2½ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

May $\frac{5}{15}$. Brussels. [Sec. Nicholas] to Sir Rich. Grenvill. You write me about mischief intended by some one, but neither mention name nor particulars, only bidding me confide in your loyalty, which I never doubted. Explain yourself, and say who is the person, and what is suspected, with any place or particular that may conduce to discovery, and then care can be used to prevent it. [*Draft,* 1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

May $\frac{5}{15}$. Bruges. Blank Marshall to [Thurloe, *alias*] Rob. Richardson, Winchester, care of Wm. Rowe, Admiralty Chamber, Whitehall. *Ormond arrived in Brussels last Tuesday* [with ?] *Sir Jas. Hamilton,* and *Dan. O'Neale is yet in England. Charles Stuart* gives *liberty to* all that *desire* it to *shift* for *themselves. Lord Napier* and many more *have taken their passes.* They *go from him faster* than ever they *came to him.* I believe *few* will *stay* except *his domestics.* The *six regiments* belonging *to him* are providing *for the field.* They *give* them *out* to be 1,800. The *English* you will be sure of ere long in your parts; 8 days *hence* there is a *general rendezvous,* some *say* at *Mons.* The *Grandees say* they will be 14,000 horse and 6,000 foot. * * * *

Charles Stuart is soon *going to Germany.* If those *ships* you have *before Ostend* look to it, in the *dark* of this *moon,* they may *catch* the *vessel* that *brought Crisp* here, and *Capt. Hamilton.*

Last Tuesday, *the Dukes of York* and *Gloucester went to* the *Hague,* but were *expected* on *Saturday at Brussels.* They *both go to the field.* [*Extract, Flanders correspondence. Many letters from this correspondent are printed in Vols. VI. and VII. of the Thurloe State Papers, but not the present one. The Italics are cyphers, decyphered.*]

[May 6.] **10.** Petition of divers officers of the army in Flanders to the Protector. Our army is in a desolate condition for want of faithful preachers, which has caused some soldiers to turn to the Romish religion, to the great scandal of the gospel. We pray that one able man for piety and gravity may be sent, with some chaplains, and an allowance, as they could not live on the pay allowed by the King of France. 5 signatures. [1 *page.*]

May 6. Order on a certificate from the Commissioners for Preachers, that 3 preachers be sent to Mardike, and have amongst them the pay of the chaplains of the 6 regiments; that Wm. Righton be one of the 3, and that he have 40*l.* in advance from Council's contingencies. [*I.* 78, *p.* 599.]

May 6. **11.** Petition of Rich. Hill to the Protector and Privy Council. I have 2 warrants on the Ordinance of 22 Feb. 1647–8, by the then Committee of the Eastern Association, for 478*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* and interest,

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out of 20,000*l.* then charged on the Grand Excise, but transferred to Dean and Chapter lands. The Association appointed an agent to contract for lands value 20,000*l.* and 10,000*l.* due to them whilst I was in the army; and when I presented my bills, they were allowed to be good, but I was told the lands were conveyed in trust to Valentine Walton, Wm. Heveningham, and others, and when I applied to them, they said I came too late, for the lands were all disposed of. I know that this is true, and yet it is hard that my being in the army should exclude me from benefit, having nothing else to maintain a wife and 6 children. I beg that my bills may be allowed, and accepted with interest by the Dean and Chapter Trustees, for lands beside the 30,000*l.* paid to the Eastern Association, [1 *sheet.*]

May 6. Reference thereon to Sydenham, Desborow, Wolsley, Strickland, and Mr. Comptroller, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 599.]

May 6. **12.** Petition of [Ensign] Joseph Travers, clothier, Melbury, co. Dorset, to the Protector, to sign the annexed approbation. A fire consuming his dwelling-house and all his materials of trade, he was utterly ruined; has long attended to make his condition known, but by reason of the weighty affairs of State, has forborne to make his address. Many godly ministers about London are willing to move their congregations to a collection for him, if his Highness signify his approval. With reference, 12 Dec. 1657, to Privy Council. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

12. I. *Form of warrant requested, authorizing ministers in and within* 15 *miles of London to publish his case in their churches, and officers to assist in collecting benevolence on his behalf.* [*Parchment.*]

12. II. *Certificate by Martin Noel, And. Riccard, and* 18 *others, of their belief in the petition, the fire being in March* 1655, *and the loss* 300*l.* 6 *June* 1656. [*Parchment.*]

12. III. *Like certificate by Col. Rob. Gibbon and* 5 *other army officers requesting help for him as ill, in debt, and with a wife and family.* [1 *page.*]

12. IV. *Like certificate by Col. Wm. Sydenham, that he used to keep many at work as a clothier, but is now so poor that he would not have bread but for his employment in the army.* 20 *Feb.* 1656–7. [1 *page.*]

[May 6.] **13.** Petition of Jos. Travers to Lord Lambert. Lord Strickland having shown you my certificate, I beg your answer according to Col. Sydenham's information. Mr. Stapleton can inform you of the truth of my certificate. With note by Sydenham in his favour. [1 *sheet.*]

[May 6.] Reference thereon in Council to the same referees as the preceding petition of Rich. Hill. [*I.* 78, *p.* 600.]

May 6. **14.** Petition of the commanders of ships in and about London to the Protector. In 1651, a Navigation Act was passed which would have been a great comfort to us if duly observed, but in process of

time, it has been so eluded by strangers, and by devices to avoid the penalty, that many English ships are laid aside, and some of the best broken up, our employment rejected, and trade chiefly carried on by aliens residing here, and in foreign-built ships navigated by strangers, so that our seamen seek foreign employment. We appealed to Parliament in 1657, and they brought in a bill to amend the Act, but did not sit to complete it.

Since the war with Spain, we have traded thither, carrying out our manufactures, and bringing in fruits, wines, &c., but the Dutch eat us out of our trade at home and abroad; they refuse to sell us a hogshead of water to refresh us at sea, and call us "English dogs (which doth much grieve our English spirits)." They will not sail with us, but shoot at us, and by indirect courses, bring their goods into our ports, which wrongs not only us, but you in your customs.

(1.) We beg you to countenance the Act, and to make proclamation that all our vessels shall be manned with English subjects, on pain of confiscation of ship and goods, and a penalty on the merchants and masters.

(2.) That all goods seized by virtue of this Act be kept in the custom houses till trial is passed, and no compensation made for them, and no writs of delivery granted out of the Exchequer. All perishable goods to be publicly sold by the candle, and the proceeds delivered into the Court, and all other goods so sold, after condemnation.

(3.) In trials of this kind, part of the jury to be seamen, as they understand the case better than countrymen "who have a constant prejudice against the informer, be the case never so just."

(4.) No entries to be taken at the out-ports, nor goods landed there on composition, nor transported from port to port by coast coquet, on pain of loss of the goods, and a penalty on the offenders; no entries to be taken for goods landed contrary to this Act, but all such to be sent to the Custom-house, London, proceeded against according to law, and appraised at full value.

(5.) Council having made a good order giving leave for strangers to sell goods to supply their wants, they take advantage of it in selling large quantities of goods; for all of which petitioners beg redress. [1 *sheet*, 104 *signatures*.]

May 6. Reference thereon in Council to Montague, R. Cromwell, Jones, Desborow, Mulgrave, Lisle, and Wolsley, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 601.] *Annexing,*

15. *Answer of the Customs' Commissioners, on a reference by the Committee of Petitions of June* 15 *of the petition of the commanders of ships:—*

1. *No law forbids manning English ships outward or inward bound with strangers, but by the Navigation Act, the trade with the Plantations is to be*

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carried on in ships manned chiefly by English, and with Europe by English ships, or those of the country whence the exports come; so that Hollanders and other foreigners, under colour of English bills of sale, have lately carried on most of the trade of Europe with this nation, and it is very difficult for seizer or informer to obtain evidence to lead to conviction.

No law forbids English ships manned with foreigners to trade from one to another of our ports, unless a stranger be owner, part owner, or master, so that English mariners are discouraged and seek employment elsewhere.

2. *We have always, if possible, secured in his Highness's warehouses goods seized, but sometimes we have had to hire warehouses, and that with difficulty, and there they remain till compensation and payment of the fine rated by the Barons of Exchequer and of the customs, or by recovery and payment of his Highness's half.*

The proposal to accept no composition will not be advantageous, as the State is at liberty whether to compound or not, for though the officers compound, a trial may be had for recovery of the State's half. We concur with the petitioners that a fit person should prosecute in such cases to recover the State's half, the composition notwithstanding, whereby frauds may be prevented.

We think writs of delivery ought not to be so frequently granted, but we say no more, as the Barons of Exchequer, after some days' debate, declare it law that writs of delivery are the right of the people, ex debito *and not* ex gratiâ. *There is no rule or practice that goods should be sold till legally condemned, after which the usual course has been to charge the seizer with* $\frac{1}{2}$ *the value of the goods on appraisement, and not to take the goods in kind, as if they sell for less than the appraisement, the seizers are chargeable with the overplus, but there is no law against the State's half being taken in kind.*

3. *We have often complained that juries are averse to the State's interest, and think that juries of able merchants and seamen not concerned in the cases depending would be more sensible of the delay of trade than others are.*

4. *We think that goods landed at Dover or other ports will not thereby be freed from the penalty of the Navigation Act, and the bringing all seized goods to London would injure merchants and traders.*

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5. *It has been the constant practise, and is the law of nations for ships of countries in amity to come in for repairs, supplies, or shelter from weather, and in case of want of money, to sell some of their goods, but we have always strictly charged our officers to see that no more goods are landed than are needed.*

It would benefit trade and navigation if it were enacted that English ships be navigated only by Englishmen, and if some course were taken for redress of the fore-mentioned inconveniences. Endorsed as delivered to the Committee for that petition. 21 *June* 1658. [3 *sheets.*]

May [6.] **16.** Petition of Rich. Gerrard and the other deputies of the Marshal-General of the Army, to the Protector and Privy Council. Our duties require our constant attendance at head quarters in London, to our great charge, and having little or nothing else to live upon, and our pay being long in arrears, we are in want for a livelihood. Hearing that the foot forces at head quarters have had 3 months' pay, we beg the same, and equal payment with them in future. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 6. Order thereon that the Marshal-General and his deputies be paid the 3 months' allowance, with the rest of the army about London, and be paid equally with them in future. The Army Committee to take order accordingly. Approved 7 May. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 601, 602.]

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2. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 1552*l.* 4*s.* that he may therefrom pay Vyner and Backwell 1002*l.* 3*s.* for 3427 oz. 17 dwt. 12 gr. of white and chased plate for a present to Lord Nieuport; Backwell, 202*l.* 15*s.* for 2 gold chains, one for the Elector Palatine of the Rhine, and the other for the Resident for the King of Portugal; and 347*l*, 0*s.* 5*d.* for badges on the coats of his Highness' watermen.

3. Order—on a certificate from Wm. Cooper and Thos. Manton, on the case of Peter Witham [*see* 19 *Jan.* 1657–8, that he be at liberty to minister in any place whereto he is called. Approved 7 May.

17. *Certificate alluded to,* 5 *March* 1657–8. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

6. The petition of Dan. Ely, of Plymouth, referred to Sydenham, Desborow, Wolsley, Mr. Comptroller, and Strickland, to report.

8. The order to suspend Dudley Short from going to Scotland not passed.

9. The petition of John Drywood read.

11. On report from the Treasury Commissioners on the petition of Sir Wm. Brounker, farmer of the issues of jurors, and Thos. Povey, claiming part of the issues, which was referred concerning defalcation out of their rent, for causes expressed in the petition, order that the Treasury Commissioners see that the rent due on the said farm be paid according to the grant.

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12. Order—on a report on the petition of Bart. Hall [*see Jan.* 19, 1657–8]—for a warrant for payment as requested of his salaries of 122*l.* and 32*l.* *Annexing,*

18. *Report alluded to by the Treasury Commissioners, detailing the sums due to Hall as fees, and yet remaining unpaid.* 9 *Feb.* 1657–8. [1½ *pages,*

14. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 80*l.* on Dr. Clayton, Professor of Physic at Oxford University. Approved 3 June.

16. The petition of the aldermen and burgesses of Leeds, co. York, for confirmation of their former liberties and of their charter, referred to counsel, to consider the former charter, and report if it should be confirmed.

17. Sir Wm. Walter to have liberty to come to London, in regard of the sickness of his wife, and there to be restrained as now he is.

18. Order on report from the committee on the petition of Frances Darcy, widow, that the Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland do as they judge reasonable.

19. John Smith, John Phelps, Mr. Barnard, and Mr. Nutley, to attend the business to be proceeded with in the High Court of Justice, attend the counsel learned, and observe their directions concerning trials.

20. The Attorney of the Duchy added to the counsel learned in carrying on trials at the High Court of Justice.

22. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 30*l.*, beside the 50*l.* formerly ordered, on the minister of St. Neot's, co. Hunts, and 20*l.* upon a schoolmaster there to be appointed by Lord Montague. Approved 7 May. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 599–602.]

May $\frac{6}{16}$.
Brussels.

Sec. Nicholas to Prince Rupert. The King is much astonished with Lord Jermyn's letter to you in behalf of Col. Bampfield, having several times told Jermyn that he is much dissatisfied with Bampfield, who, he is well assured, is employed in Cromwell's service. You will have heard that the King is going to Frankfort, but the time of his journey is not yet fixed. Noted as read to the King $\frac{5}{15}$ May. [*Draft, Flanders correspondence.*]

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Sir Rich. Grenville to Sec. Nicholas. I enclose the name of a person, Sir Rob. Welsh, who is suspected, though without proof, and should never again engage in his Majesty's service. [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

May $\frac{7}{17}$.
Brussels.

Sir Rich. Grenville to Sec. Nicholas. A mischievous person sometimes uses private names covertly, and contrary to a person's will. Let not my name be used without my consent, but rather let me lose my life than my loyalty. If any obscurely use my name, trust my loyalty. Keep me concealed herein. [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

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May $\frac{7}{17}$. Paris. Sir Rich. Browne to [Sec. Nicholas.] The grand news of the London prints is the threats of the formidable court of justice. The Countess of Banbury and Marquis of Clanricard are dead. The Earl of Kildare marries a daughter of the Earl of Clare. The second son of Lord Grey, of Wark, has come hither with his wife, Mrs. Ford, Mr. Colepepper's widow, and a crooked sister of the Countess of Dysart. Lord Andover has arrived from home. The Lord Chamberlain came 2 days since from Pontoise, and the Duke of Buckingham is said to be here privately. From England we hear that the merchants and seamen have remonstrated at the great hindrance to trade by the war with Spain, and petitioned Cromwell for peace. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

May 7. Approval by the Protector of 12 orders, 22 April to 6 May. [*I.* 78, *p.* 602.]

May 8. Whitehall. Council to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. The Earl of Lothian complains of utter ruin to himself and family, by suits from creditors, on bonds which, to preserve his estate from prosecution, he was forced to renew. The burden should not fall on one who only served the public, so we commend the case to you, to persuade the creditors to respite prosecution till, by application to Parliament, some course is obtained for his relief. Help to him is the more reasonable because of the general favour extended to debtors in Scotland with reference to private debts, by the order of 15 April 1656. Of this persons concerned in public debts should have taken advantage; those should not benefit by that order who will not comply with you in a case of so great equity as that of the Earl. [*I.* 78, *p.* 871.]

May 8. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. On receipt of various papers and information concerning Mr. Bilston, Council have apprehended Short and Drywood, and found in their papers plain evidence of design to deceive the State, and careful means taken to conceal the same, and think best to send them, and all the evidence to you, to determine the matter on the spot, and make restitution to all who have been defrauded; one of our War-treasurers will attend to assist you concerning the accounts. As there are 2 bills for 500*l.* from Major Grove and Capt. Blackwell of Geo. Bilton's money, Council has ordered seizure of them, as also of 2,000*l.* of his in the hands of Mr. Sergeant of Northampton, whom we have sent for, and will endeavour to find out how the business stands. Council thanks you for your care herein, and desires you to continue the same. [*I.* 78, *p.* 872.]

May 10. London. Levant Company to Hen. Riley, consul at Aleppo. We thank you for putting an end to the pretence of Benj. Alexander, the opposition of the Basha and Cady notwithstanding. We have ordered on your advice that no one shall be treasurer unless he has been 5 years resident, and is or has been servant to some freeman. Pray see this practised, and also our order for payment of our consulage within a month. The old way of paying at 3 months much prejudices us.

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We are satisfied with the issue of his lordship's and your endeavours to prevent the Basha's design of reviving payment of the whole 3 per cent. on moneys.

Although we gave no gratuities in 1651 and 1654, wherein we had little trade, and have not allowed them to the consul of Smyrna, yet for your pains we have ordered you 1,000 rix dollars for one of those years, and shall do the same for Mr. Bretton.

We wish you to collect the duties on the ships now bound for Scanderoon; you will receive entries from our husband, intimating such as have or have not paid our impositions, that what has escaped here may pay arrears, at the rate of $2\frac{1}{4}$ rix dollars per cloth. We hope they will arrive safely, as his Highness has a squadron in the Straits to check pirates. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 305, 306.]

May 10. London. Levant Company to Mat. Lister, consul at Cyprus. We are sorry to hear of your continued disturbance from Mr. Fowke, who is recognized as consul by the French. We wonder he durst presume to remain there, after so express a call from his Highness. His removal from the island is a delicate matter, but we will give you all encouragement in your employment. We can think of no better way than imposing double consulage on those who use the French, Dutch, or any other stranger consul in buying cottons, if you sell them as good, and at as low rates. If your power be too short to reach the double consulage, we will do our best to get it for you here, by charging it to the account of those refusers who are creditors in our books. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 306.]

May $\frac{10}{20}$. Breda. Thos. Paramour to [Sec. Nicholas]. I have received signification of the King's goodness in granting my petition, with the significant caveat to be entered, that none intercede before me; thanks to him and to your care and favour. I beg the presentation till I can perform the duties of my office, and meantime I daily pray for the King's re-establishment.

P.S.—I will give you an account of those who have grants of the place in possession or reversion. Endorsed [by Nicholas], "Acknowledgment for his Majesty's gracious promise to make him a teller of the Exchequer." [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

May $\frac{10}{20}$. D. Rootes to Sec. Nicholas. I wish I could show my gratitude to you. As the King does not think fit to answer me, as he promised, pray ascertain whether I am prejudiced by my Lord Chancellor's aversion to my uncle, and try to create in him better thoughts of one who is devoted to the King's service. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

[May 11.] **19.** Petition of the parishioners of Bennet's, Paul's Wharf, to the Protector and Council. The means of our church are only 50*l.* a year, and a small dwelling-house. The parish is very poor, having 140 families, of which 80 receive relief. Our augmentation has ceased 7 years, so that our able minister, John Jackson, being likely to leave us for want of maintenance, we desired an union with the vacant rectory of Peter, Paul's wharf, worth 40*l.*, where the

Common prayer-book has been many years used by disaffected persons, and this union is adjudged fit by the Trustees. We therefore beg that, considering the pains we have taken about the conjunction, and the difficulty of getting augmentation, on account of the present charge on the Treasury, you would approve the conjunction, or order an augmentation. 4 signatures. [1 *page.*]

May 11. **20.** Petition of Sam. Browne and John Smith, churchwardens, and the parishioners of Peter, Paul's wharf, London, to the Protector. A disaffected party, on the vacancy of our parish church since the death of Edw. Marbury, incumbent, have acted contrary to law; to suppress this, endeavours have been made to unite our parish to Bennet, Paul's wharf, to the great inconvenience of the inhabitants of both parishes, the diminution of church livings, and the prejudice of yourself as patron there. To prevent this, we have prevailed on [John] Simpson, "a pious and painful preacher," to accept our parish, and proposed a competent maintenance. We beg you to present him, being freely chosen, to our church. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 11. Reference thereon in Council to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers, to examine and report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 604.] *Annexing,*

20. I. *Report on the said petition, that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers and uniting of parishes, finding that the churches of Bennet and of Peter, Paul's wharf, were* 50*l. yearly value each, and the churches conveniently situated, have united them into one parish, and appointed Bennet's the meeting-place for both, to which the petitioners object.*

That an augmentation of 25*l. was granted to the minister of Bennet's, but discontinued because the late minister refused to take the engagement, and that Mr. Jackson, the present minister, is godly and able. Suggestion that the* 30*l. be settled on him till there appear cause to pass the union, which should be suspended till further order.* [1 *page.*]

20. II. *Certificate by Simeon Ashe, Wm. Jenkyn, Edw. Calamy, and Barth. Beale, in favour of the godliness and ability of John Jackson, minister of Bennet, Paul's wharf.* [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*]

20. III. *Order by the Commissioners for Plundered Ministers for payment of* 25*l. yearly to the minister of Bennet, out of the revenues of the Dean and Chapter of London.* 1 *July* 1646. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

20. IV. *Order by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, an inquisition having been made, and full hearing of the parties on both sides, for the union of the parishes, with one minister, who shall have the two parsonages and all glebe lands and other rents belonging to them, to be presented by the* 2 *patrons alternately. This union not to prejudice the present incumbents without their consents.* 6 *May* 1658. *Signed by Rich. Sydenham and* 4 *others.* [2$\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

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May 11. **21.** Petition of Geo. Starkey, of Windsor, co. Berks, to the Protector, for liberty, leave to answer the charge brought against him before Privy Council, or release on bail. With reference, 7 May 1658, of this petition, and articles depending before them, to Privy Council. [I *page.*]

May 11. Reference thereon in Council to Desborow, Sydenham, Lisle, Skippon, Strickland, Jones, Fleetwood, and Mr. Secretary, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 604.]

[May 11.] **22.** Admiralty Commissioners to the Treasury Commissioners. The last seal for moneys for the Navy is almost expired; that there may be no interuption in our receipts from the Customs and Excise, we certify you, according to our instructions, that the pressing occasions of the fleet require 300,000*l.*, and beg you to inform his Highness and Council, so that another seal may be seasonably obtained. Whitehall, 15 April 1658. [¾ *page.*]

May 11. Order thereon to advise a warrant to pay Hutchinson, the Navy Treasurer, 300,000*l.* [*I.* 78, *p.* 604.]

May 11. **23.** Representation of the Commissioners of Appeals and Regulating the Excise to the Council. We have received from the Commissioners and Governors of the Excise for Beer and Ale in London a certificate of the non-conformity of Oliver Vaughan, brewer, to the 30th Article of the Act of 14 August 1649, and a request for our warrant authorizing their officers to enter his dwelling and brewhouse, execute a distress of his vessels and goods, sell them, and dispose of the proceeds. The said Article enacts that if a brewer do not conform to his sentence within 20 days after distress, or imprisonment for default, upon certificate from the Commissioners of Excise, the Committee for regulating the Excise shall have power to issue warrants to the purpose aforesaid, but we doubt whether this certificate,—not being from the Commissioners of Excise intended by that Article but from Commissioners of Excise for a particular thing and restrained to a particular place,—is a sufficient ground for us to grant such warrant. We have advised with counsel, whose opinion is that by the law of Excise we cannot justify the sending such a warrant upon this certificate. The matter being of great concernment to this revenue, the receipt of which will be totally obstructed if no course be taken, we pray directions. [1⅔ *pages.*]

May 11. Reference of the above paper, and also of their representation touching the powers committed to the Sequestration Commissioners as to the Excise, to Sydenham, Jones, Desborow, Fleetwood, and Strickland, for speedy report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 606.]

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1. Order that the certificate from the referees on the petition of James, Earl of Abercorn, and James, Lord Paisley, be referred to Wolsley, Desborow, Sydenham, Fiennes, Lisle, Jones, Strickland, Mulgrave, and Fleetwood, to report. *Annexing,*

24. *Certificate alluded to, on a reference of the case* 1 *April* 1658, *to the Treasury Commissioners, and Sir William Lenthall,*

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Master of the Rolls, detailing the whole proceedings in the case of the claims of the Duchess of Hamilton and the Earl of Abercorn, from 12 *April* 1654, *to* 18 *December* 1657.

The present petition remonstrates against a decree in the Exchequer of Scotland, of this last date, granting the lands of the late Duke to Anna, Duchess of Hamilton, Lady Susanna Hamilton, her sister, and their heirs, with reversion to Lord Paisley, eldest son of the Earl of Abercorn, on condition of their fulfilling the decree of an Order in Council of 13 *November* 1656 *; he pleads that this decree was founded upon documents that are not genuine, and that the lands, being entailed, could not be disposed of by the late Duke, but that this decree is not supposed to bar the former entail, and create a new one, and would therefore deprive the Earl of his rights for ever. The referees are unable to give an opinion, as no counsel for the other party appeared, but suggest further time, and the petitioners will stay proceedings if they may have Polemount lands to make up the value of* 500*l. a year before assigned them.* 27 *April* 1658. [4 *sheets.*]

2. The petition of Peter Vanderputt, merchant of London, referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to act.

4. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* on the minister of Kellam, co. York. Approved 27 May.

5. The petition of Rich. Francklyn and his 5 sisters, children of John Francklyn, late of Marlborough, co. Wilts, referred to the Committee of Council on Money Affairs, to report.

6. Order—on the petition of Denham Hunlock, Rich. Blake, John Horsepoole, Rich. Doe, and other creditors of the late Hugh Rogers, —that Thos. Warr, of Shipton, co. Somerset, have leave to come up to London.

His Highness present.

11. To advise his Highness to order for trial for treason at the High Court of Justice, the following persons, reported by the committee appointed to know his pleasure in this matter, viz.: Dr. John Hewett, Jn. Mordaunt, Maj. Smith, Col. Gunter, Thos. Woodcock, Sir Hen. Slingsby, — Binstead, Maj. Wm. Clayton, Jn. Russell, Sir Rich. Willis, Sir Wm. Compton, Sir Hum. Bennett; and for misprision of treason, Mr. Nutt and Mr. Rivers.

12. Fleetwood, Mr. Comptroller, Lisle, and Mr. Secretary, to examine Mr. Stapleton on information now given, consult Maj. Waterhouse and Capt. Overton, and report.

13. Lord Fleetwood to appoint a guard of 50 halberdiers to attend the service of the High Court of Justice.

14. The Navy Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to deliver him 50 halberts, which are to be redelivered when the service is concluded.

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15. Frost to pay each of the said 50 men 12*d.* a day during their service.

His Highness withdrew.

16, 17. Order—on report from the Committee on how to secure the books and records in the hands of the Commissioners for discovery of fraudulent Debentures, &c., that some effectual course may be taken—that all persons possessing any papers concerning the above, which have been doubled upon by the credit of any Act for sale of forfeited lands, keep the same safely for one month, till further course for securing them be taken.

18. Mr. Embree to build a place for the High Court of Justice to sit in, within Westminster Hall. Approved in person.

19. Order on report from the Committee of Geo. Bilton's business, —that they find from Dudley Short's account that further sums are charged on Short, concerning which he should be examined before he goes to Scotland,—that the same committee examine him to-morrow morning, and also John Bilton, and report.

20. Capt. Rich. Deane, one of the Treasurers for the Army, to go to Scotland, to attend Council there on Bilton's business.

21. Order that,—as 23,000*l.* was borrowed for the State of Lord [Mayor] Pack and others, who are willing, provided the first half be repaid, to wait for the next till September—the Treasury Commissioners pay the said ½ out of the moiety of the moneys which shall come in next month by new buildings, and, in case there be not enough, out of the Customs. *Annexing,*

25. *Account of the said loans, to be repaid with interest, viz.:—*

	£
Lord Pack	4,000
Sir John Woollaston	2,500
Sir Thos. Vyner	6,000
Sir John Dethick	2,500
Sir Thos. Andrews	3,000
Sir Thos. Foote	2,500
Sir John Ireton	2,500
	£23,000

With note that there has been paid in discharge thereof to—

	£
Sir Thos. Vyner	2,300
Sir John Ireton	570
	£2,870

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22. To apply to Mardike affairs half the money coming into the Treasury on account of the new buildings.

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24. Order on representation by the Commissioners for Customs and Excise,—that in trying to recover debts owing, and arrears for prize goods, they find from the late Prize Goods' Commissioners that in 1653, 53,000 lbs. of tobacco, now at Yarmouth, taken in the Hollander of Flushing, was sold to Gowen Goldegay, and by him transferred to others, who refuse to take it away, so that it is perished, and none will buy it, as not being worth customs and excise—that the buyers thereof may dispose of it here, or export it, customs and excise free, but that no other tobacco is to be exempted from payment of duty by colour of this order. Approved 3 June. *Annexing,*

26. *Representation on which the said order is founded, suggesting its free disposal, or nothing will be made of it, and his Highness will have to pay rent for the warehouse where it is, as he has done these 4 years.* 27 *April* 1658. [1 *page.*]

25. Col. Roger Broadridge, prisoner in the Tower, to be allowed to go abroad for a fortnight to prosecute some suit at law, on fit security to return.

27. Order on petition of Rich. Graves, of Lincoln's Inn,—shewing that his Highness ordered last July the Drury House Treasurers to pay him 400*l.* for 2 years' salary ending October 1656, as counsel to the Commissioners for removing Obstructions, but they decline because he has not his Highness's privy seal for it, and they are ordered to pay money into the Treasury only—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay him.

28. **27.** A letter from Rich. Johnson and Lawrence Cooke, dated Leghorn, 27 March 1658, to Maj.-Gen. Whalley, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to speak with the owner of the ship mentioned, for preventing the sale thereof to the enemy, and report.

29. Sydenham, Strickland, Jones, Fleetwood, Montague, Skippon, Rous, and Wolsley to speak with the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to make effectual the order of 8 April on behalf of Mr. Cradock.

30. Order on report from the Committee of Council on Scotch Affairs—that, having received letters from the Council in Scotland concerning improvement of revenue, and heard Mr. Purvis therein, they consider that the reduction of that part of the revenue alienated from the Crown by letters patent from the late King should not be done but by consent of Parliament—to advise despatch of letters to the Commissioners of Excise and Commissioners of Justice in Scotland; the Lord Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal to sit with the latter.

33. The counsel learned to consider the business of taking away the ward-holdings in Scotland due to his Highness, which are conceived to be taken away by the Act of Union, without substitution of other tenure, and Mr. Purvis to assist therein.

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34. The Master of the Rolls to appoint a fit person who, together with Gabriel Beck and Wm. Purvis, is to sever the records sent from Scotland which concern the revenue and exchequer from the others in the Tower.

35. Council gives no order concerning the proposition of the Council in Scotland for liberty to coin 5,000*l.* in bodles.

36. To advise his Highness to authorise the Council in Scotland to order necessary repair of the tower and other buildings about the late King's house of Holyrood, at Edinburgh, and charge it on the public revenue.

37. Order on a report from the Committee for Scotland on the petition of John Lewin, of Leith, [*see* 29 *April* 1658] for a letter to the [Lord President and] Council in Scotland to allow him such further time as they think fit for prosecuting Rob. Bedford and Thos. Lewin, and recovering the money due to the State, and meanwhile to forbear any further prosecution of him. With letter as ordered. [*I.* 78, *p.* 873.] *Annexing,*

28. *Report alluded to advising this order, as Lewin has been well affected and is poor.* 6 *May* 1658. [1 *page.*]

38. Order—on a report from the Commissioners for Mardike, on a return by the Navy Commissioners—that the accounts of Capt. John Tailor be allowed, and the balance due, 2,934*l.* 5*s.*, be paid by 500*l.* a-week, from the receipts on the Act for New Buildings. With the account, the total of which is 4,934*l.* 5*s.* *Annexing,*

29. *Report alluded to.* 11 *May* 1658. [1 *page.*]

39. The Committee on Mardike affairs to proportion payment to those to whom money is due as they think fit, amongst those who have warrants.

40. Order—on report from the Commissioners for Sale of the 4 Forests that great obstruction is caused because the surveyors appointed by Parliament have not allowances like those appointed by his Highness—that Desborow, Fleetwood, Sydenham and Compton see if Council can act herein, and if so, offer a draft order.

41. The Treasury Commissioners to order payment to whomever the said Forest Commissioners shall appoint, of such sums as are wanted for the necessary incident charges.

42. Also to pay Jas. Dewy, clerk to the Commissioners, 50*l.* a year.

43. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the War Treasurers to supply Col. Twistleton and his regiment with a month's pay, to enable them to march.

44. The Army Committee to order the Muster-Master-General and his Deputy to be paid equally with the general officers now in town.

45. The petition of the mayor and burgesses of Devizes, co. Wilts, for renewing of their charter with certain alterations, referred to counsel learned, to report.

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46. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* on the minister of Sampford Shinie, co. Devon. Approved 27 May. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 602–614.]

May 11. The Protector to the Commissioners of Excise in Scotland. Having received proposals from our Council in Scotland concerning improvement of revenue, and finding it depends on the laws of the nation, by legally reducing the alienations made of lands, rents, &c., anciently belonging to that Crown, as we have already constituted you Excise Commissioners there, we order you and the Advocate and Solicitor-General to be very vigorous herein, and observe such directions as the Council in Scotland shall give. We have written expressly to our Commissioners for Administration of Justice in Scotland to set apart every Friday for this business. [*I.* 78, *p.* 609.]

May 11. The Protector to the Commissioners for Administration of Justice in Scotland. Finding the revenue of Scotland is burdened in discharging her military and civil charges, by the illegal alienation of Crown lands and rents, which we are determined to reduce to their former condition, that we may support the Government with the less burden to the people—we wish you to set apart every Friday to hear causes arising from our resumption of the said lands, &c., which our Advocate shall bring in, and as the Lord Treasurer used to make the roll of causes to be heard on Fridays, and the Keeper and Chancellor of the Great Seal used to meet with you, we desire the latter custom to be continued, and the Excise Commissioners to make rolls of the causes; and you are to do no other business on Fridays till the Advocate announces that he has no more causes to bring. [*I.* 78, *p.* 609.]

May 11. **30.** Sam. Morland to Mat. Firbank. Thos. Guy is going away to Sir Wm. Lockhart, and Mr. Secretary has just ordered me to request you to let him have 10*l.* and set it to his account. With receipt thereof by Guy. [⅔ *page.*]

May 12. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. **31.** Order on report from the Mardike Committee—that there is wanted a week's cheese for 5000 men at the rate of a pound a day each, 2500 shoes and stockings, 400 tents, beside the 200 ordered, and 3 waggons with fittings—that the Admiralty Commissioners give order accordingly.

2. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners, to pay Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, 1,500*l.* for provisions wanted at Mardike.

3. A draft letter for the agent of the Grand Duke of Tuscany, concerning the proceedings of Capt. Stoakes at Egham, read, approved, and to be sent. To advise his Highness to send another letter of the same purport to the Grand Duke.

4. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay —— Messiers 1*l.* a week till further order.

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5. Like order for 2*l.* to Isuf the Turkish Chious.

6. The Treasurers for money collected for the Piedmontese Protestants to advance 500*l.* for 20 Bohemian families, and dispose it as the Committee for that affair shall direct.

7. The Committee on the Piedmontese Protestants to consider who shall receive the 500*l.*, and how it shall be disposed of.

8. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Emanuel Thompson 6*s.* a week till further order. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 614, 615.]

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Bruges.

Jos. Jane to Sec. Nicholas. Your return here is much desired. We have little mirth, and much need of patience. Unless the journey to Germany be in order to the affairs of these people, money will come very slowly, and only anything that may be left when all their ordinaries are paid.

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I doubt whether the King will go at all; the long delay looks as if the Spaniards had no confidence in it, and the time is now approaching. The men of law are no friends to this High Court of Justice, it being so contrary to all rules of law and the many Acts of Parliament quoted by them, but on the other side, if Cromwell have not beaten the market, and tried whether a sufficient number may be gained, he may be at a loss. Carey, a baron of the Palatinate, pleaded *non solvendo* when he went thither. Prince Rupert will see the King if he goes to Frankfort; what effect it will have I know not.

Mr. White's refusal was inconvenient, but the man was not liked by our church, and has been too gently treated by our divines, who know him sufficiently; he is worse to be promoted than 10 Presbyterians. I am not pleased with a man's officiating that is not in the heart of the congregation. I hope care will be taken of it for conscience sake. If the King go to Frankfort, some discretion should be given to the magistrates here. I spoke with the Bishop about the making of new bishops, but he knew of none; is the thought of it laid aside? I think it should not be, as the difficulties are not considerable. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

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Bruges.

Jos. Jane to Sec. Nicholas. I find the King's journey yet stays. I believe it is from design, not sloth, in these ministers; they doubt the meaning of the King's journey. My friend is now with you, but he is not a man of foresight, or a good judge of business, and I fear the success of his negotiations. Of all the gentlemen of the King's party, I should least have suspected Sir H. Slingsby for that danger, being a melancholy man, and, as I knew him in Parliament, reserved and inactive, but I doubt he has been drawn in.

The Court [of justice] has met, and is like to proceed with rigour enough. My lord of Norwich's nephew is Stapeley, not Staveley, and is son of one of the King's judges, and on that score will have favour.

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The Bishop of Derry is now with us, but will not stay long. I wish one of the chaplains would help us. I cannot hear the report of the plague confirmed, and the report of deaths from it proves false.

About the bishops, I wish some persons on this side the sea were ordained, that the functions might be preserved, and the legal rights of their bishoprics would come in time. The title need not be used in conversation, but the register should be well preserved. My lord of Derry told me that Downing at the Hague, meeting the Prince of Orange in his coach, would not give way till the gathering of the people frightened him. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

May 13. **32.** Petition of Anna, Duchess of Hamilton, to the Protector. William, late Duke of Hamilton, not having heirs male, entailed the estate upon me by a deed, by virtue of which, and of a charter under the Great Seal of Scotland, I am in possession as undoubted heir. The estate being under forfeiture, I paid 9,000*l.* for its discharge, which was granted by order of Council 13 November 1656, and is ratified by Parliament; and as Parliament admits those who pay the fines on their estates to have them free of incumbrances, the Council in Scotland have appointed Commissioners to see that I pay all the debts to which the estate was liable. Yet the Earl of Abercorn and his son pretend a title to part of the estate, or an annuity, though they can plead no title, and I have an action of declaration against them [*see* 12 *March, supra*], whereby I shall prove before the supreme power that they have no right to the estate of my father or uncle. I beg that there be no further procedure on his pretences, but that I may enjoy my estate according to the laws of Scotland. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

32. I. *Statement of the case in full.* [¾ *sheet.*]

May 13. Reference in Council of the petition and case to the same Commissioners to whom the report on the Earl of Abercorn and Lord Paisley are referred. [*I.* 78, *p.* 617.]

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1. Order on report from the Committee on information concerning Mr. Stapleton, on his examination, and on information of Maj. Waterhouse and Capt. Overton, to write to Col. Smith to examine Sir Hen. Slingsby's servant, now in custody at Hull, and report.

2. The paper presented by the Commissioners on new buildings referred to Desborow, R. Cromwell, Sydenham, Wolsley, Fleetwood, Jones, Strickland, and Mr. Secretary, to meet this afternoon, and the Treasurers to have notice.

3. Order on report from the Committee on Sir Job Harby's petition, that the Treasury Commissioners consider it, and the papers annexed, and state the case as to the petitioner's claim to the imposition of 4*s.* a chaldron on coal, and report.

4. The petition of Vyner and Backwell, goldsmiths, for making small money referred to Sydenham, Montague, Rich. Cromwell, Jones, Mulgrave, Desborow, and Mr. Secretary, to report.

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His Highness present.

5. The petition and proposals of the Governor, assistants, and fellowship of Eastland merchants, referred to the former Committee on Eastland merchants.

6. Order on petition of the Governor, and assistants, and fellowship of Merchant Adventurers of England, to advise a like proclamation on their behalf as was issued May 30, 1656, with addition of the like clause—enjoining observation thereof both by Customs' officers, commanders of forts and ships, and Admiralty Judges—as is contained in the proclamation for the Muscovy Company, and Mr. Secretary to prepare the clause.

8. Wolsley, Mr. Secretary, and Strickland, to speak with Lord Whalley concerning his donative in Scotland, and the rents thereof informed to be detained from him, and to report.

10. Mr. Secretary, Mr. Comptroller, Sydenham, Wolsley, and Mulgrave, to consider the report of the Treasury Commissioners concerning the Stilyard, and to hear Mr. Peterson, agent for Hamburg therein, and report.

11. The paper from the Committee on Ely House and Savoy Hospital referred to 4 of those appointed to supervise that affair, to whom Lord Cooper is added.

13. The petition and case of the Marquis of Argyle referred to the Scotch Committee, to report.

14. Order on a report on the case of Geo. Starkey [*see* 11 *May* 1658], that the charge be sent to Corn. Holland, and Capts. Cannon and Aldridge, justices of peace for co. Berks or Bucks, and they be required to examine it, and prosecute Starkey for the matters that shall be proved. Dr. Young to have notice to attend, and the justices to report proceedings in a month. Approved in person.

15. Order that Starkey be freed from the custody of the serjeant-at-arms, on promise to a clerk of Council to appear before Council when required. Approved in person. *Annexing,*

33. *Report on which the above 2 orders are founded, noting that Dr. Young's charge is for matters "exceedingly scandalous and heinous."* 12 *May* 1658. [1 *page.*]

16. **34.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Navy Treasurer to pay John Hide and Peter Wilkinson, from whom they hired the Fortune of Great Yarmouth, for a storeship at Mardike, what is due for freight. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 615–618.] *Annexing,*

34. I. *Order in the Admiralty Committee for the Navy Commissioners to order the said payment.* 29 *May* 1658. [½ *page.*]

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35. Sir Thos. Widdrington, and Col. Wm. Sydenham, Treasury Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. On a report from the Protector of the petition of Geo. Cooper—concerning the disposal by you of some timber trees growing in Clarendon Park, to which he pretends a right—we sent you his petition, and received your answer, which we sent him; but as he denies the greater part of it,

and what he admits is very much for his own purpose, we doubt whether we can make a satisfactory report to his Highness without a conference with some of you, and therefore have appointed Tuesday forenoon for that purpose. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

May 14. **36.** Deposition of Charles Le Canne, in the Admiralty Registrar's Office for the Cinque Ports.—Was master and part owner of the St. Francis of Calais, Mark Bishone, fisherman of Calais, being the other owner. Went 7 weeks since from Calais to Dieppe, where he took in 59 barrels of flour, 3 hogsheads of vinegar, 2 barrels of barley, 2 of linen cloth, and 3 of haberdashery ware, for transportation to Calais, on several merchants' accounts. On returning from Dieppe to Calais, was taken by a small Dunkirk man-of-war, commanded by Capt. Bartram, who carried her towards England; but after having her in his possession 29 days, she was retaken by the Newberry, near Newport, with her lading, save the flour, which Capt. Bartram's company took away and disposed of. Admits that the papers produced are those he had on board when captured. [1$\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

May 14. **37.** Petition of Jas. Symes to Rich. Cromwell, Lord Chancellor of Oxford. At request of Dr. John Owen, then Vice-Chancellor, I did much service to the University in finding out rents for maintenance of a Divinity lecturer, the pension out of the Exchequer being discontinued, because of the sale of the King's lands, and the lecture likely to cease; but these rents were granted in lieu of pension, and I was promised the collecting of them, and a large reward. I have some rents in hand, and my accounts ready, but the present Vice-Chancellor, not knowing what had passed, has subpœnaed me in the Exchequer chamber for payment, never mentioning any recompense to be given me, nor the labour and expense of collecting the rents. I beg stay of the suit, and will pay what you judge fit without suit. With reference thereon to the Vice-Chancellor. [1*page.*]

May $\frac{14}{24}$. Argenton. **38.** John Heinsius, B.A., to Williamson, Frankfort. I understand so much of your wonderful learning that I cannot find words to express myself in answering yours, but I should be most happy if I could ever enjoy your favour. Note of writers on the Teutonic order. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page, Latin.*]

May $\frac{14}{24}$. Brussels. Warrant by Charles II. to John Heath, counsellor-at-law, to prepare a grant to Sir Wm. Throckmorton of the office of Marshal of the Marshalsea of the Household for life, with power of constituting 6 under marshals, and appointing them the usual salaries. Signed. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

May 17. Lidney. **39.** Dan. Furzer to Fras. Willoughby, Navy Commissioner. I presume once more to present my sad condition to you, for want of money to relieve my family, as also to pay off the several debts on the State's account for which I am every day threatened, but not able either to satisfy them, help myself, or go on with the State's business as it ought to be carried on, and might be with a competent supply of money. If this business be of no more concernment, it were better to let it fall than to suffer it to go backward, as it will daily, which I do not desire to see, but rather that,

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all things being discharged, I may be taken off from my bondage, and I shall cast myself wholly on Providence for my future, not being able any longer to subsist on this account. But as hitherto I have been faithful and painful in managing the business, so I still should take as much pains as ever, and be careful and faithful to the utmost of my power, if requisite encouragement and supply may be granted.

I desire that the season of the year may not be spent ere I be resolved how you will deal with me, because there is some likelihood of a particular employment, to which I can give no answer before I know what you will do concerning me. Let me speedily hear what may be done as to a supply, as I have not had money enough by 100*l.* the last 18 months to pay workmen, and it is now augmented to 300*l.* If I were worthy at least to hear how I should be supplied, I could then give some satisfactory answer to poor men, some of whom by report will never be able to recover what they have lost by staying so long for their money. I also desire the premises may be so weighed and seriously considered that the result thereof may produce the desired effect—that is, that poor men may be rewarded for their honest labours, and the State's business may prosper and be advanced. [2 *pages.*]

May $\frac{17}{27}$. Bruges. Jos. Jane to Sec. Nicholas. Galbreth and Capt. Lendall have had a difference about their shares in the voyage for taking Mr. Crisp. Galbreth wishes arbitration, but Lendall will only submit to the King and Lord Chancellor, who are his friends, he says. John Strahan confirms Galbreth's pretensions, and says he has been much wronged. He wants you to ask the King or Chancellor for a reference. Strahan fears ill consequences if there be not a fair end to it. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

May 18. **40.** Petition of the inhabitants of Glaston, co. Somerset, and of John Huett of Exeter, sergemaker, to the Protector. In July 1653, a sudden night fire destroyed our houses and goods, and 44 pieces of Huett's serge, total loss 2,500*l.*, so that we are reduced to live on alms. We beg a brief to collect charity, entrusting Sir Thos. Pride, John Webb, Rich. King, and 4 others with its receipt and distribution. With reference to Privy Council. 17 Nov. 1657. [1 *page.*]

Annexing,

40. I. *List of* 17 *persons who sustained loss by the fire.* [*Scrap.*]

40. II. *Certificate by Maj.-Gen. John Desborow and* 12 *other "men of great quality," to the fire, and loss thereby. Wells,* 8 *Jan.* 1655–6. 13 *signatures.* [1 *page.*]

40. III. *Folding sheet to the petition, noting its receipt.* 30 *Nov.* 1657, *and order* 13 *May* 1658. [*Parchment.*]

May 18. Order for a warrant for a collection in cos. Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Wilts, and Gloucester. [*I.* 78, *p.* 619.]

May 18. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. A letter reported by Mr. Secretary from Lord Ambassador Lockhart at Mardike 16 May read.

2. To advise his Highness to publish a declaration inviting persons to send over all sorts of necessaries to Mardike, for which

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they shall receive satisfaction in ready money there. With letter to the [sheriffs of counties] for its publication. [*I.* 78, *p.* 874.]

3. Desborow and Mr. Secretary to write to Maj. Burton to send to Mardike 20 chaldrons of coal, for which there is a promise to make present payment there, or in default, they will pay him in cash.

4. Lord Ambassador Lockhart empowered to give fit directions to masters of vessels wherein hay is shipped to Mardike, for disposal of the same, which orders the masters are to observe.

5. Order on petition of parishioners of St. Mary Blandford and Brianston, co. Dorset, and a certificate from the justices of peace at the general quarter sessions at Bridport, 6 Oct. last,—that on 20 July last there occurred a fire there, which in 2 hours consumed the dwellings and outhouses of Chris. Jones and others named, with their corn, goods, and household stuff; also the goods of Clara Blithwood, widow, Law. Fiand, and Thos. Upshall, amounting in all to 1,000*l.*, as is ascertained on oath, as also that the losers are poor and industrious—that his Highness be advised to allow the petitioners, by letters patent under the Great Seal, to collect money from the charitably disposed for their relief, in cos. Dorset, Somerset, Hants, and Wilts.

6. The request of the Earl of Lothian, that the judges of Exchequer in Scotland, who now have the power of the late Commissioners at Leith, may be authorized to carry out an order to the latter, made on his petition 17 July 1655, referred to Strickland, Sydenham, Mr. Comptroller, and Mr. Secretary, to report.

7. On report from the Committee on the Piedmontese Protestants, —that hearing from Mr. Morland of their sad case, how those that are able have to fight in their own defence, and their wives and children to fly for safety to the Valperosa, under the King of France's dominion, with other requests from them, *viz.*, that 3,000*l.* may be sent over at once to the 7 Commissioners, Mr. Bremond, Mr. Huges du Boeuf, M. Gasper du Boeuf, Syndic of the Protestant church of Grenoble, François Mathieu, Sieur Burlamachi, and Mr. d'Ice, pastors of the church at Grenoble, to be ready in case a war breaks out as expected; also that the rest of the money may be disposed thus:—

	£
To John Leger, their chief minister, for expenses in entertaining those who come to him on business - -	100
To Mr. Le Preux, gratuity of - - -	40
To each of the 8 ministers under the Duke's dominion an annual pension of 40*l.*, in all - -	320
To each of the ministers of Valperosa, one of 10*l.* -	30
To the chief schoolmaster of the Valleys 20*l.*, to the 10 under schoolmasters „ 6*l.*, and the 3 under schoolmasters in Perosa Valley, 3*l.* per annum -	89
For 4 students in Divinity and Physick 10*l.*	40
For a physician 25*l.*, and a surgeon 10*l.* - -	35

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Also present gratuities for a recompense for those who have lost their estates for refusing to sell them to Papists, 500*l.*

Among the chief commanders, 100*l.*, of which Capt. Granavel is to have 40*l.*

Order that the Treasurers for the money collected remit it immediately accordingto the said report. Approved 24 May.

8. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to advance what his Highness shall think fit to Viscount Falconbridge, towards the charge of the negociation with the King of France.

9. Desborow, Mulgrave, Rich. Cromwell, Jones, Mr. Secretary, and Strickland to consider what was now proposed concerning payment of last year's salary to the judges for probate of wills, and report.

10. The Army Committee to order the War Treasurers to pay 10,000*l.* for the forces in Ireland, sending it in waggons to Chester to be shipped, and the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a ship to transport it to Dublin. Approved 24 May.

12. Order to Clement Kinnersley to hang the place to be erected in Westminster Hall for the sitting of the High Court of Justice with red stuff.

13. Col. Humphreys to deliver to the Sword Bearer appointed to the High Court of Justice the sword formerly the late King's, and bought for his Highness' use and paid for accordingly.

14. Order—on report on the petition of the inhabitants of Weymouth [*see* 8 *Dec.* 1657] that 400*l.* a year should be allowed for 3 years out of the customs at Weymouth for repair of the haven there—that Council can do nothing therein, the customs' revenue being so settled that no part of it can conveniently be disposed of. *Annexing,*

41. *Report alluded to by Sydenham, Lisle, and Mulgrave, advising the* 400*l.*, *and account of its expenditure to be given in to Council.* [1 *page.*]

15. Order—on recommendation of the Committee for approval of Ministers [*see* 13 *April* 1658]—that Nathan Noyes, of Christchurch, Oxford, now chaplain to Maj.-Gen. Morgan, be one of the 3 preachers to be sent to Mardike, have pay as ordered 6 May, and 40*l.* in advance from Council's contingencies. *Annexing,*

42. *Certificate by the said Committee alluded to* 14 *May* 1658. [⅔ *page.*]

16. Like order for Wm. Gale to be one of the preachers for Mardike, with like advance.

17. Richard Cromwell, Fleetwood, Strickland, Jones, Mr. Secretary, and Desborow, to consider a particular of the defects of Hull garrison presented by Maj. Waterhouse, and report.

18. Order on a letter to Lord Fleetwood—praying a receipt for the Ordnance officers at the Tower for the 600 suits of arms and other provisions sent to Whitehall, according to his Highness's order—that Capt. Beale or another Adjutant-General give a receipt.

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20. On a letter from the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers, &c., for co. Oxon, to Dr. Owen, Dean of Christ Church,—that in February 1656–7, a charge of scandal was brought against Hen. Beeseley, minister of Swerford, and on full enquiry before 8 Commissioners on April 12, 7 of them convicted him of public and profane scoffing, and 6 of profane swearing, which 6 voted his ejectment, and appointed a godly minister in his place; but that nevertheless on 26 April, several Commissioners met again, who were but slightly acquainted with the case, and ordered it to be heard again on 24 May, 3 of those who had ordered the ejectment being distant from Oxford at the time, and 2 Commissioners present protesting against the re-hearing—order to write to the Commissioners telling them what is reported, and expressing Council's displeasure if it be true, and ordering an immediate report.

21. Order—on petition of the members of the congregational church in Warwick against Ralph Blick—for a letter to the justices of peace of the county concerning this matter. [*See p.* 31, *infra.*]

22. John Rusden not having attended Council as ordered on 20 April last, order that Major Art. Evelyn, Edw. Jennings, and Rusden be speedily called to account for the materials of Wallingford Castle, demolished by them, and pay the balance into the Exchequer, that it may be paid to Mich. Molins as ordered 30 March last.

23. Order to alter the standard for the General of his Highness's fleet, to bear the arms of England, Scotland, and Ireland, with his Highness's escutcheon of pretence, according to the Great Seal of England, and the Jack flag for the flag officers to be the arms of England and Scotland united, according to the ancient form, with the harp added, according to a model now shewn; the Admiralty Commissioners to take orders that the said standard and flags be prepared. *Annexing;*

43. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners accordingly,* 22 *May* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

24. On petition of Mich. Morfell, of Wisbeach, agent for the townships of Ely Island, who contributed to reduce Croyland garrison, co. Lincoln, shewing that 455*l.*, paid by consent of Capt. Rich. Harrison, late treasurer for moneys granted for satisfaction of the above contributions, remains in trust in Wm. Fisher's hands, which the petitioner desires to have for use of the inhabitants,—order that Fisher pay it to Morfell, on security that he will distribute it according to the proportions ordered by the late Committee of Parliament on Ely Island, and he is to give a receipt. Approved 29 June.

25. Col. Hen. Smith's foot company, now at Kingston-upon-Hull, to be put on the Establishment as one of the companies of that garrison, and Capt. Geo. Westby's company, now at Hull and Clifford's Tower, to be placed as a company of Col. Salmon's regiment. Approved 3 June. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 618–627.]

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May 20. **44–46.** Petition of Kenelm Manwaring, late minister of Norton, co. Derby, to the Protector. Though I had a fair report from the Commissioners in Derbyshire, where I have lived 14 years, yet as I stood sequestered on articles from Gravesend, I am obstructed in approbation to a place in co. Notts. I beg leave to answer those articles at Gravesend, where I was a resident minister 16 years, and sequestered in my absence. With reference to Baron Parker, Peter Pett, and the Mayor of Gravesend, to enquire about these articles and certify; 21 Dec. 1657. Report by John Smith, mayor, that all the persons suspected denied having anything to do with the articles; that Manwaring has sufficiently cleared himself, and that the ancient inhabitants report him a deserving person. Gravesend, 28 Jan. 1657–8. Report by Baron John Parker concurring with that of the mayor, to whom he referred the case, adding that having himself lived at Gravesend divers years, when the petitioner was minister, he observed no evil in him; and further reference to Council, signed by the Protector, 13 March 1657–8. [3 *papers.*]

May 20. Reference thereon by Council to the Committee for Approbation of Ministers, to grant him any living or augmentation they judge fit, the former articles against him notwithstanding. Approved 3 June. [*I.* 78. *pp.* 628, 665.]

[May 20.] **47.** Petition of the inhabitants of Cowden, Kent, to the justices of peace at the assizes to be held at Maidstone 7 July 1657. On 1 May last at noon, a great and sudden fire broke out in our town, and was not put down till it had burned 8 houses, a warehouse, 2 stables, 2 barns and other outhouses, and the almshouse, with most of the goods therein, so that our damage was 1822*l.*, whereby we are, many of us, utterly ruined, and cannot provide for our families. We beg you to obtain a patent for us for a public collection. [28 *signatures,* 15 *being by mark.* 1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

47. I. *Certificate by the inhabitants of Cowden and the neighbouring parishes of Etonbridge, Hever, Chiddingstone, and Penshurst, to the truth of the above.* 53 *signatures,* 5 *being by mark.* [1 *sheet.*]

47. II. *Certificate by Martin Pyke and John Seyliard, on survey of the losses, that the loss in buildings amounts to* 1822*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.*, *on estimate given by carpenters and masons, and that in goods is deposed to be* 753*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.* 11 *May* 1657. [1 *sheet.*]

47. III. *Bill of the losses of the several individuals in goods,—total* 753*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.* [1 *sheet.*]

47. IV. *Request by Geo. Duke and* 10 *other justices of peace at Maidstone assizes, to the Commissioners of the Great Seal, for customary relief to the distressed petitioners.* [⅔ *sheet.*]

47. V. *List of* 20 *counties* [*which they desire to be inserted in their brief*] *with John and Rob. Seyliard as treasurers.* [⅔ *page.*]

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May 20. Order for a patent for them to take the alms of the well-disposed in cos. Kent, Essex, Surrey, Sussex, Norfolk, and Suffolk. [*I.* 78, *p.* 629, 630.]

May 20. **48.** Petition of John Ousley, late minister of Claypoole, co. Lincoln, to the Protector. I was appointed to the South rectory here 6 years ago, at the request of the inhabitants, and with approbation of the patron; but some of the parishioners, whom I sued for detaining tithes, prosecuted me for scandal to the county Committee for Ministers, 6 only being present, and I was outed, though I had rebuilt at my own charge the parsonage which was burnt down. Having been peaceable and conformable, I beg restoration. With reference 22 May 1657 to the Privy Council. [1 *page; also I.* 93, *No.* 73.] *Annexing,*

48. I. *Certificate by neighbouring gentlemen and by the inhabitants of Claypoole, and also by 3 ministers, Edw. Gilder of Welburne, Thos. Bedford of Ledenham, and Sam. Pickering, of Broughton, to his good character, and his innocence as to the charges brought against him from personal distaste.* 35 *signatures,* 15 *being by mark.* [1 *page.*]

48. II. *Like certificate of the inhabitants of Claypoole, that Crosley brought a* 17 *years' good character from his former abode, and has lived piously and studiously, and they wish to free him from unjust aspersions.* 22 *October* 1655. 41 *signatures,* 26 *being by mark.* [1 *sheet, damaged.*]

48. III. *Like certificate that he was schoolmaster at Allington* 20 *years, and* 15 *years minister in the far parts of Lincolnshire, whence he came to Claypoole, the place of his birth, assisting the Allington minister every other Lord's day. Signed by the following ministers—Rob. Clarke of Allington, Rob. Alington of Hougham, Jos. Thurston of Beckingham, and Sam. Pickering, of Broughton.* 21 *October* 1655. [1 *page.*]

48. IV. *Note of the articles against Crosley—*

1. *Staying long at an alehouse.*
2. *Using the book of Common prayer in part, at baptisms and burials.*
3. *Drunkenness.*
4. *Fighting.*

With exceptions against them, and the prosecutors and proceedings, he being outed by the voice of only 3 *men, whereas the Ordinance requires* 5 *or more.* [1 *page.*]

May 20. Reference thereon by Council to Rous, Rich. Cromwell, Desborow, Wolsley, Jones, and Mulgrave, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 632.]

May 20. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. A letter from the Council in Scotland of 11 May,—giving account of proceedings according to the order of 4 May, concerning bringing in the next 6 months' assessment—read.

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3. The certificate of the Customs' Commissioners on the petition of Augustine Coronell, merchant of London, referred with the petition to the Committee for the Preservation of Customs, to act.

6. The officers of 5 foot companies of Col. Salmon's regiment, who are to be shipped from Yarmouth for Mardike, to be allowed to transport their own horses custom free, if the total exceed not 15.

7. Like order for the 5 foot companies of Col. Guibon's regiment, to be shipped from Dover to Mardike.

8. The goods, baggage, &c., to be sent to France for accommodation of Visct. Falconbridge and his retinue, in his present negotiation with the King of France, to pass without search, demand of duties, or other molestation, and the Customs' Commissioners to take order accordingly.

9. **49.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order a convoy to Dover Pier for the Charles ketch, or other vessel wherein his goods shall be embarked, and to take her in charge in Lee roads.

10. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners, to pay Thos. Temple, junior, 20*s.* a week till further notice.

11. Order on report from the Committee for settling salaries for the Judges of Probate of Wills, to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Rich. Lucy, Thos. Manby, John Hildesley, and Chas. Geo. Cock, judges, amongst others, 300*l.* each for the year past ending 9 May, gratis without fees.

12. Rich. Cromwell, Mulgrave, Fleetwood, Desborow, Strickland, Mr. Secretary, Jones, Fiennes, and Rous to consider fit means for regulating the Office of Probate of Wills, as to registrars and inferior officers, to consult whom they see cause, and report.

14. The petition of Rob. Payne, late minister of Berkford, co. Bedford, concerning his restitution, read and laid aside.

15. **50.** The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the bill of exchange for 1,500*l.* payable to John Aldworth, and drawn by Capt. Stoakes, Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet in the Straits, and examine what total Stoakes has drawn, and if it exceeds what he was authorised to draw, and report.

18. Mr. Comptroller, Desborow, Mulgrave, and Wolsley to consider how the paying of 30*l.* to Miles Chaldron of Barnstaple, who in October 1642 lent 20*l.* 16*s.* on Public faith, may be managed in regular form. [*I.* 78, *p.* 628–632.]

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Pres. Lawrence to the Justices of Peace for co. Warwick. Council hears it complained that Ralph Blick, constable of Hampton-on-the-Hill, in Bugbrooke, co. Warwick, at the last assize, maliciously indicted Wm. Whitehead, an old member of the Congregational Church at Warwick, for not attending his parish church, and demanded payment of 2*s.* 6*d.* for every day's absence, much to his inconvenience and the discouragement of many godly persons; they desire you to look into the matter, and if you find the case to be as it is represented to us, to disown the said proceedings, and discourage them in future, as contrary to the liberty of worship allowed by law. [*I.* 78, *p.* 874.]

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May 24. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 18 May. [*I.* 78, *p.* 632.]

May 24. / June 3. Bruges. Jos. Jane to Sec. Nicholas. I will give Galbreth your answer. I told you of the affair, as I have some relation to an employment by the King's commission.

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I am told that some bishops offer to come over, and serious trial should be made whether any will do it; if not, it lies at their doors; but I cannot understand that there has ever been an endeavour but in general words. I am sorry it is so slackly pursued. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

May 25. **51.** Petition of John Wheatley to the Protector. I was appointed registrar to the Trustees for Sale of Crown Lands and Fee Farm Rents [*see* 8 *Mar.* 1655–6]. By your Ordinance for sale of the 4 forests reserved as collateral security to the soldiers, all officers appointed by Parliament for sale of lands are to act for sale of the said forests. I was only named in the Act as deputy registrar, and was made registrar by Council. I beg to be registrar for sale of the said forests. [1 *page.*]

May 25. **52.** Reference thereon in Council to the Trustees for Sale of the 4 Forests, to report. [½ *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 636]

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1. Order—on report from the Commissioners on Lord Whalley's business [*see* 13 *May* 1658]—representing that the Council in Scotland, on some words in his Highness's letter to them on behalf of the Countess of Lauderdale, have made an order entrenching upon the right of his donative given him by Parliament, and which he has held some years, his workmen being debarred from felling trees, and his tenants taking advantage thereof to detain their rents—that a letter should be written to the Council in Scotland to revoke the said order, or any other to Whalley's prejudice, and that notice be given to his Chamberlain, in order that his tenants may not neglect their duties. *Annexing,*

53. *Report alluded to, on which the order is founded.* [1 *page.*]

2. Approval of the following augmentations advised by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers:—

				£
York	To the minister of	St. John's, near Gelling	-	30
Lincoln	,, ,,	Quadring	-	30
Isle of Wight	,, ,,	Helen's	-	40
Notts	,, ,,	Sutton Ashfield		20
Wilts -	,, ,,	Ramsbury	- -	40

Durham, To the schoolmaster to be settled in Hycliffe, 20 marks. Approved by the Protector 27 May.

3. The Army Committee to authorise the War Treasurers to pay Viscount Howard 300*l.* for arrears to the 150 recruits for Mardike drawn from his regiment. Approved 3 June.

4. The sum of 600*l.* ordered 4 May to the 6 Commissioners for Discovery of Fraudulent Debentures to be altered to 700*l.*, and the

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other 100*l.* to be paid to Fras. Thompson, one of the Commissioners, whose name was omitted from the former list.

5. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Col. Hen. Smith, governor of Hull, 500*l.* towards repairs of the garrison.

6. The governor of the garrison to return an account of the 1,000*l.* formerly ordered for repairs, how it was laid out, what still remains to be done, and at what cost.

7. Order on report from the Commissioners for America on the petition of Jane, widow of Lieut.-Col. Thos. Bushell, who died in the Western Expedition, referring her case to the Treasurers for Savoy House and Ely Hospital, to allow her a pension, she being judged by Council as worthy of particular respect.

8, 9. To recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 40*l.* each on the ministers of Brading and Carisbroke, Isle of Wight. Approved 27 May.

10. Also 20*l.* on the minister of Eye, co. Suffolk, beside the 40*l.* ordered before. Approved 27 May.

11. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners for 3,000*l.* to Frost, for Council's contingencies.

12. Fleetwood, Fiennes, Wolsley, Strickland, Sydenham, and Mr. Secretary to consider into whose hands the 500*l.* ordered to be advanced by the Treasurer for Piedmontese Protestants' Money for relief of 20 Bohemian families may safely be paid, and give order for its distribution, also to consider relief for the poor Protestant families driven out of Poland.

15. Francis Witherington and Wm. Weybell, apprehended last night, to be committed to the Tower, for corresponding with Charles Stuart.

17. Rich. Lee, alderman of Durham, who is in restraint there by virtue of instructions to the officers of militia forces, in respect of matters in several examinations, &c., now read, to be liberated, and all the said papers referred to Mr. Secretary, Strickland, Fleetwood, Mr. Comptroller, Rous, Wolsley, and Desborow, to examine Hen. Whitfield therein, send for Alderman Lee and any others as they see cause, and to report.

18. The Mardike Committee to consider how the rest of the money payable to Mr. Seaman, surgeon at Harwich, and to the mayor of Dover, for disbursements, may be satisfied.

19. Mr. Comptroller, Fiennes, Fleetwood, Wolsley, Sydenham, and Strickland to consider the grounds of an order of 3 March 1653–4 to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to forbear payment of any augmentation to Wm. Langley, minister of Lichfield, till further order, and the quality of Langley, and to report on a proposition for reversing the said order.

20. Whereas Thos. Smith, Neh. Bourne, Pet. Salmon Edw. Keeling, Phil. White, and others, part owners of the chains laid in the Thames for mooring ships, petitioned his Highness as follows:

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White having invented sufficient chains in several parts of the river for mooring ships, thus preserving cordage, and saving men's lives lost by the casting away of boats upon anchors, obtained the late King's patent for 14 years, for the sole benefit of his invention, at a rent of 5*l.*, and he and his partners at great expense laid 12 chains in the river, and have kept them in repair; and this lease being now expired, and yet the chains very needful, and requiring constant care and charge for repairs, &c., they request a renewal of the grant for a long term of years, for these chains and any others judged convenient, which petition his Highness referred to the Attorney and Solicitor-General, who reported thereon that the Thames where the chains are laid is his Highness's freehold, and therefore the grant required is legal, with proviso that it do not injure his Highness or navigation. The case was then referred to Council, who appointed a committee upon it, and they report that on the grant of the patent, 10 Charles, the invention was highly approved by the Master of Trinity House, merchants, and ship-owners, and commanders, many of whom declared their willingness to pay the proposed rates, and therefore they advise a patent for a moderate term of years, with directions that not more than 2 ships at a time moor at any of the chains, or that the master of the ship be answerable for damage; also that the petitioners demand no higher rates than adjudged by Trinity House, according to their burden, which rates the petitioners may have power to demand and receive. On 19 January last, this report was read and referred back to the said committee, to consider whether it might pass without prejudice to others, along with a proposal of John Green, offering 200*l.* a year rent for a lease of the said chains. They report that they have considered the case, and also a proposal of Capt. Murford, who petitioned for a lease of the chains, but they consider that the chains, being removable, are not so fixed in the soil of the river as to give his Highness a property in them, but that they are in possession of the original patentee and his partners, and therefore they advise a lease thereof, under fitting rent and conditions, to the said part-owners. Order thereon agreeing with the report, and referring it back to the said Committee to consider the term and rent, and report.

21. To advise confirmation of the contract made by the Committee of Parliament for improvement of Customs' Revenue with Thos. French, of Chesterton, co. Cambridge, and John Grosvenor, of Edmonton, co. Middlesex, for a lease of excise on ale, &c., in county and town of Huntingdon, for ½ year from 29 September last at 700*l.* a-year, and another contract for cos. Hunts, Bedford, and Cambridge, for 3 years, from 13 October 1657, at 8,000*l.*

22. The Army Committee to order the War Treasurers to advance 6 weeks' pay to such officers and soldiers of Col. Hen. Smith's foot company at Hull as he brought from co. Oxon and listed into the Hull company. Approved 3 June. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 632–41.]

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54. Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Admiralty Commissioners. Particulars of the movements and stations of the squadron. I am put to shifts, and kept alive with the hopes of the coming of the victuallers. I have little credit, as my bills drawn in January from Leghorn are yet unpaid, not to mention those of later date. I am very sensible of his Highness's urgent occasions for money, yet, if you weigh it well, there are few causes exceed mine, and the party not inconsiderable.

I received yours advising that the victuallers are still in the river, and perceive you are sensible of our want, but if the victuallers should not be got out, I hope you will remit me some bills on the merchants at Marseilles, as my credit will no longer pass. The Fairfax and Yarmouth have arrived, and after I have furnished them with a month's victuals, I will go with them, and lie off Capes Mello and Corsego until all the rest return to the rendezvous at Marseilles, and, in the interim, will leave the prize, and instructions with the agent there to send me any orders that may arrive. Hearing from Tetuan of a merchantman having arrived there in 15 days from the Downs, I have great hopes the victuallers will not be long wanting. [1¾ *pages.*]

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55. Petition of Anne, daughter of the late Hum. Mackworth, one of the Privy Council, to the Protector. My father served in civil and military offices all through the wars to his death, and died 3 years ago intestate, without providing for me, on which you have several times promised to settle something on me. I implore you to order your good intentions to be executed. With order 3 April 1658, that Lord Strickland commend this especially to the Privy Council. [1 *page.*]

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Reference thereon in Council to Fleetwood, Strickland, Mr. Comptroller, Rich. Cromwell, Rous, Sydenham, and Mr. Secretary, to speak with the petitioner's brother, and offer what they judge fit to be done. [*I.* 78, *p.* 642.]

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56. Petition of James Wemyss, late General of the Artillery of Scotland, to the Protector. Has composed and put in practice certain inventions of light ordnance and engines of war, the heads whereof are in the propositions annexed, the fruits of his study and labour for 30 years. Has been careful to keep them secret, and begs that he may draw them up into an Act, to be passed next Session, and to that end, that the Protector would take off all incapacities, which will enable him to provide a place forthwith to erect his works, and to make other necessary preparations. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

56. I. *Note of the said inventions, of which he will give proof at his own charge, the carriage excepted, and only asks an extension to England and Ireland of the benefit of the Act of Parliament granted him for Scotland.*

(1.) *Of small pieces, of the weight of muskets, shooting ½ lb. bullet of lead, with rests or carriages, saving soldiers from the recoil, and forming a good*

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barricade against cavalry; 60 horses will draw as many as shall serve 1000 of their pieces, with ammunition for 4000 shot.

(2.) *Pieces carrying 1 lb. of iron and doing the execution of 3 lbs., 12 mounted on a carriage serving as an ammunition waggon for 300 shot, with a platform on which the pieces remain always mounted, ready to be fired right or left without taking the horses out; 3 men to manage the 12 pieces, and 3 horses to draw the carriages with ammunition. Men can be taught to use them sooner than to use the musket. The entertainment for 1200 pieces will be equal to that of 350 horsemen. Every ammunition-waggon, excepting those that carry powder, may carry 4 pieces, and will weigh 150. They will only carry 2 cwt. less, having ammunition with them for 40 shot. In all ships, the muskets, harquebuses or crocques, falconetts or falcons, may be superseded by these inventions.*

(3.) *A chariot or waggon to carry 6 or 8 of them so mounted that the gunner in it, at passes and narrow ways, shall give fire continually in front, without hurting the horse. While one gunner takes aim, another can load two pieces. Three horses will draw all, with ammunition for 120 shot.*

(4.) *Pieces to carry 3 lbs. shot, 2 of which, with 4 others of 1 lb., can be mounted on one carriage, weighing altogether 4 cwt. Four of these 3-pounders to be mounted on one carriage, to weigh 5 cwt., with three men to manage either carriage.*

(5.) *Sackers of 4 or 5 cwt., and demiculverins of 6 cwt., like brass draques and doing as much execution, lasting as long, and able to be discharged as often; and each with 4 one-pounders on the same carriage. Has not had time to make of greater calibre, but will, if required, furnish whole culverin and demi-cannon and the other sizes. Their price not more than brass ordnance. Could furnish yearly hundreds of those carrying from 3 to 9 lb. bullets, and thousands of the others.*

(6.) *An invention to put a ship in such defence that she cannot be taken by force, by assault, or boarding, so long as she has 30 men for her defence, unless his engines are dismounted and broken by chance shot.*

(7.) *An invention whereby a ship may be built with two whole decks, half and quarter deck of the dimensions of the Naseby frigate, especially in*

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length; to carry, besides her lower tier of brass or iron, 100 *of the aforesaid* 3 *and* 6-*pounders,* 100 *men being sufficient to manage them.*

If those appointed to ply them on the upper deck are forced to quit them, the enemy cannot in ½ *an hour cause one piece to bear on any part of the ship, whereby to force a surrender. In less than* ¼ *of that time, the deck shall be cleared, though hundreds were upon it without endangering the ship. Those of less burden to carry a proportionate number; those already built and fitted with ordnance may with small charge be made to carry half as many more.* [1½ *pages.*]

May 27. Note that the petition was read in Council. [*I.* 78, *p.* 642.]

May 27. **57, 58.** Petition of Maj. Thos. Saunders, late governor of Exeter Castle, to the Protector. Being on my account with the Army Committee for disbursements for the Castle, I beg your order for allowance by them for repairs, fixing of arms, &c., done by order of Sir Hardress Waller, commander of the forces in the West, for use of a regiment that was sent for Ireland; for 34*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*, carriage of arms brought from Lyme; for 1*s.* a day deducted for 504 days from my pay as Governor, though I was commanding Exmouth Fort, and 24*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* paid the garrison, though not in due form, for want of a muster, 15 *Jan.* 1647–8. [2 *copies.*] *Annexing,*

58. I. *Note of the above claims disallowed by the Army Committee, total* 121*l.* 9*s.* 5*d.* [⅔ *page.*]

May 27. Order thereon for allowance of 34*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.* [mis-stated as being the total amount demanded] if it be found that it was laid out for the service. [*I.* 78, *p.* 644.]

May 27. **59.** Petition of Thos. Jessop, minister of Luton, co. Bedford, to the Protector. I have served here 8 years, struggling against a malignant and prelatical party, because I was not episcopally ordained, and they now withdraw the people from my communion, and worship in prelatical form, so that I must surrender my charge without redress.

On 3 May 1658, they brought Lady Crawley, widow of Judge Crawley, in the night to be buried, hearing of which I offered the relations liberty to bury her by their own minister, and for him to give an exhortation, if they would not use the prayer book service. On this her younger son Thomas, who has served in the late King's army, called me scoundrel and clown, and said you allowed the common prayer book in London, so they broke open the church door, and Thos. Crawley read the burial service.

My condition becoming insupportable, I beg some order for my relief. [1 *page.*]

May 27. Order thereon in Council that the serjeant-at-arms bring up Thos. Crawley in custody, and that the petitioner attend with witnesses to prove the charge against him. [*I.* 78, *p.* 645.]

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May 27. **60.** Petition of Maj. Geo. Skutt, of Poole, to the Protector. In June 1655, a shallop man-of-war, with a commission from James, styled Duke of York, lay near Poole, and surprised some and tried to surprise more of our ships, when I manned a vessel and took her. Ralph Tutty claiming 2 bags of money in her, an Admiralty suit ensued, and the money was condemned to your Highness. I was at 57*l.* charges in manning the vessel and keeping the prisoners. I beg 30*l.*, all that remains of the said money, and the shallop. [1 *page.*]

May 27. Order thereon in Council allowing him the 30*l.* to be distributed between him and those engaged with him. [*I.* 78, *p.* 646.]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

2. Maj. Jenkins' letter of 17 May from Hartlepool, concerning the garrison there, referred to the Army Committee, to order the War-treasurers to pay 6 weeks' pay to the officers and soldiers of the garrison. Approved 3 June.

His Highness present.

3.* The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 60*l.* on John Beverley, minister of Rothwell, co. Northampton, and Mr. Scobell to attend the Trustees in this matter.

4. Order on petition of Thos. Lock, his Highness's patentee for Mines Royal in co. Derby, and of Col. Edw. Ashenhurst, Ben. Bradborne, and Thos. Thorne, co-adventurers, that the former Committee on this business meet at 8 to-morrow, the Earl of Rutland's agent to attend, speak with counsel if they see cause, and report.

6.* Approval of the augmentation ordered by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers for 40*l.* to Sam. Slater, minister of Katherine's, Tower, London.

7.* The said Trustees to settle an augmentation of 100*l.* on the minister of Whittlesey, Isle of Ely.

8.* Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on an order of 20 May,—certifying that for 5,000*l.* which by Council's instructions Capt. Stoakes had power to charge on the Treasury of the Navy, bills have been drawn and accepted—that the said Commissioners give a warrant to the Navy Treasurer for their acceptance of a bill charged by Stoakes for 500*l.*, and to pay it. *Annexing,*

61. *Report alluded to, certifying the drawing of bills amounting to* 5,000*l.* 27 *May* 1658. [⅔ *page.*]

61. I. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, for payment of* 1,500*l. to Ben. Whetcomb, for John Aldworth, on the said account.* 1 *June* 1658. [⅔ *page.*]

9, 10*. Order on report from the Committee on Piedmontese Protestants,—that Mr. Morland informs that Dr. Ize, who has all along been most instrumental in service of the Protestants, has

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undertaken at his own expense and on their behalf an expensive and tedious journey to England, and has to bring an interpreter with him, and asks that he may be allowed to reimburse him, as all the money ordered to the Protestants 18 May last must be disposed according to detailed order,—that the request is reasonable, and that the Treasurer of those moneys pay Ize 100*l.* for his expenses, &c.

11.* In the order of 18 May, the pension of 40*l.* to Mr. Le Preux to be altered into a gratuity of 40*l.*

12.* The annual pensions ordered 18 May last to be paid to the several persons concerned, for the ½ year ending 24 June next, by the Piedmontese Treasurers.

14. Rich. Cromwell, Desborow, Fleetwood, Sydenham, Strickland, Mr. Comptroller, and Mr. Secretary to consider the draft of a citadel for Portsmouth garrison, and Joachim Heanes' proposals for fortifying it, to speak with him, and report.

15.* **62.** The Ordnance officers at the Tower to deliver to the proper officers at Plymouth garrison 2 tons of match.

16.* **63.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the officers at the Portsmouth stores to deliver to Poole, co. Dorset, 6 or 8 barrels of powder for Maj. Geo. Skutt for Brownsea Castle.

17.* Maj. Skutt, governor of Brownsea Castle, to deliver from his stores a necessary quantity of powder for the Isle of Purbeck.

19. Order on report from the Committee on terms of fit lease and rent of the mooring places for ships in the Thames, to be granted to Neh. Bourne, Ed. Keeling, and others, part owners of the chains, that the rent be 5*l.* a year, and the term as many years as his Highness thinks fit.

20.* On report from the Admiralty Commissioners, on petition of Alice, relict of Thos. Smith, that on examination of her debts, they find the freight of shipping between 1643–51 owing from the State to Smith is 3,140*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*, mostly his own personal debt, and the rest bought of others; and by a letter from the Navy Commissioners, it appears that this sum is due to his wife as executrix, besides 2,824*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.* due on public faith bills, for disbursements for relief of Ireland, &c., of which 323*l.* 5*s.* was his own and 2,501*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.* borrowed:—order that the Admiralty Commissioners pay the 3,140*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* from prize ships or stores.

21. Approval of the Protector of 5 orders, 11—25 May. [*I.* 78, *p.* 632–647.]

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John Thomson to "your son, to be delivered to Wm. Jones" [*alias* Sec. Nicholas]. Tell your mistress [*alias* the King] that at Flushing, where I now am, I have 2 letters from England that one Manley has come over from thence; he is now a colonel through a commission sent him by Charles Stuart through one Charleton, who with 6 others was taken prisoner and 35 more were taken in other places of London, most of whom I know. Manley was taken a month since, carried to Whitehall, examined by the Protector, and acquitted. He

was again taken, and pretended that he escaped as he was going into Paul's church. He speaks openly in Flushing that he has spent 2,000*l.* in the King's business, and has 20,000*l.* to spend if he will be led by him, and send speedily 2,000 men into England, though I know he was not worth 20,000 shillings. Most of those now in limbo mistrust him to be the man who betrayed them, and I think so by his discourses to me in London, where he seemed to me an absolute fool or an arrant knave. Had I money, I would have returned to Brussels to speak with you about it. Let your mistress command me out of England, and I will obey her commands at hazard of my life. Manley engaged several honest men in the business, and has basely betrayed them. Give the enclosed to your mistress; and let me have a speedy answer, addressed to Mr. Perring, merchant in London, for his brother Thomas.

P.S.—I wish I could have spoken to your mistress before I left. I am forced to write what I had rather have spoken. [3 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*] *Enclosing,*

1. *John Thomson to "Madam." I hear you have offered a barony of* 4,000*l. a year, with* 100*l. in hand, to any one that shall put an end to the suit now in hand between you and your adversary. I think you may have your desire accomplished. As I could not speak to you before I left, and give you a touch of it, I desire your speedy answer.* $\frac{27\ May}{6\ June}$ 1658. *Endorsed* [*by Nicholas*], *Jo. Thomson to the King, concerning Mr. Manley.* [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

May 29. **64.** Order in the Admiralty Committee, on a letter of Council of this date (missing), that the Navy Commissioners make out a bill to Capt. John Taylor for 500*l.* from Mardike moneys, and charge it as an imprest on Taylor's account. [½ *page.*]

[May.] **65.** Certificate by Rich. Busby that Jas. Carkes, B.A., student of Christ Church, Oxford, is of the same standing as those Westminster scholars who take the M.A. degree this Act, 1658, being elected at the same time with them, and senior to most of them, only hindered from residence by the tenuity of his fortunes, which compelled him to reside in Westminster college for a maintenance, and to wait 5 terms for admission to the student's place to which he was elected. He studied diligently during his absence, his proficiency is equal to those who resided, and since his admission, he has proved himself, both in manner and bearing, fit for a degree, and his deprival of it would hazard his credit and fortunes. [1½ *pages.*]

June 1. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* on Wm. Stone, minister of Frampton, co. Dorset, to be paid from the county, instead of the 50*l.* ordered from the impropriation of Sherborne, formerly the Earl of Bristol's, and now disposed of. Approved 3 June.

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2. Letters presented by Sec. Thurloe, from Sir Wm. Lockhart, read.

4. The Treasury Commissioners to deliver 200*l.* to Frost, for the Mayor of Dover, for charges of sick and wounded soldiers sent thither by Sir Wm. Lockhart from Mardike.

6. Thos. Trapham, his Highness's surgeon, to see to the despatch ordered of a fit surgeon and mate to Dover, to attend the sick soldiers from Mardike, and to order them to report what shall be necessary in that service from time to time, to Fleetwood or the Secretary.

7, 8. Trapham to see the following necessaries for sick and wounded soldiers despatched immediately to Mardike, *viz.*:—Pots, glasses, and fine tow; coverlids, kettles, platters, and pans; raisins, currants, sugar, brown and white; mace, nutmeg, and cloves; certain drugs specified, pectoral syrups, lehocs, and cordial spirits. Also a good proportion of old linen; and to bring in a note of the cost, that his Highness may order Frost to pay it.

9. A report brought in by Lord Rich. Cromwell on the petition of Lord Montgomery referred to the Council in Scotland, that in case they find him charged beyond what he ought to be, they ease him in the second half, provided that what they take from him, they put upon others, so that the whole fine be made up. "Approval comprized in a letter from his Highness." *Annexing,*

66. *Report alluded to, with a final clause that in case he cannot be relieved from this additional fine, the payment of the second half of his own fine be suspended till order be given in Parliament.* [1⅔ *pages.*]

10. Order negativing the last clause of the said report.

11. The petition of Marcus Moun, merchant of Rotterdam,—concerning a difference between him, as factor for Gerard Tyson, and Thos. Cowell, who seized and retained some of Tyson's goods, in spite of several orders from Council, causing Moun to sue him in the Court of Upper Bench, and on his obtaining 150*l.* damages and costs, Cowell threatened him and then had him imprisoned in the Tower, on the ground of words alleged to have been spoken by him against his Highness—referred to R. Cromwell, Wolsley, Mr. Secretary, Mr. Comptroller, Strickland, Rous, and Sydenham, to examine and report quickly, and Sir John Berkstead is to liberate Moun, on security to yield himself up again if required.

12. On report from the Commissioners on the case of Wm. Langley, late minister of Lichfield, resolved that as he is approved by the Committee for Approbation of Ministers, the order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 3 March 1653–1654 is not to prevent his preaching in any other place to which he shall be presented, if they find him qualified according to the Act of Parliament.

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13, 14. The following list of members proposed to be added to the Commissioners in co. Hants for ejecting scandalous Ministers, and their assistants, approved :—

Commissioners.	Assistant Commissioners.
William Lord Gough.	Mr. Bragg of Portsmouth.
John St. Barbe of Broadlands.	„ Taylor of Alresford.
Nich. Love of Winton.	„ Hum. Weaver of Creadale.
John Dunche.	„ Webb of Basingstoke.
Wm. Wither of Manydown.	„ Walter Marshall of Hursley.
Azariah Husbands of Chalton.	„ John Corbett of Bramshott.
Edw. Hayes of Binstead.	„ Cherry of Woodhay.
Geo. Wither of Winton.	„ Brockett of Bentworth.
— Shute of St. Cross.	„ Warner of Christchurch.
Jacob Legay of Freemantle.	„ Lancaster of Amport.
Peter Legay, junior.	„ Tomlyns of Crawley.
Robt. Wroth of Southampton.	„ Phil. Baker of Clatford.
Edw. Hooker of Chilcomb.	„ Rich. Russell of Penton.
John Hook of Bramshott.	„ Ellis of Winton.
Roger Gallop.	„ Moreland of Clidsdon.
John Harris of Silkstead.	„ Wm. Geering of Lymington.
Hen. Bromfeild of Haywood.	„ Crossing of Fordingbridge
Wm. Knapton of Brockenhurst.	„ Oakes of Titchfield.
Wm. Tulse of Hinton.	„ John Crofts of Mottisford.
Phil. Dore of Lymington.	
Geo. Potticarry of Whorwell.	

Approved June 3.

15, 16. Order on a report of the representations from the Commissioners for regulating the Excise—that they are obstructed for want of the power formerly vested in the Sequestration Commissioners as to Excise, *viz.* : that in case of delay or failure of payment, on their appeal, the Sequestration Commissioners sequester the estates till payment be made — for the preparation of a warrant as given, appointing fresh Sequestration Commissioners, the present number not being full, and thus their power failing, and the public revenue suffering diminution.

17. Whereas by the Excise Act of 12 Aug. 1649, any brewer proceeded against by default or imprisonment, who does not conform to his sentence within 20 days, shall have his dwelling entered, and his coppers and brewing vessels taken away and sold for the benefit of the State, deducting only charges and awards, and then the surplus beyond the fine shall be paid to the brewer, and he released from imprisonment, but disabled from ever exercising the brewing trade until he pay 100*l.* : and whereas several contracts having been made for farming the excise, whereby the grantees are appointed Commissioners and Governors of Excise ;—order that on their certificates to the Commissioners for appeals for regulating Excise of

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such obstinacy, warrants be issued to the said purport. Approved 3 June.

18. **67.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to send to Kingston-upon-Hull 200 barrels of gunpowder for that garrison, and to receive at Hull 400 barrels of defective powder, bring them to London, and render the powder serviceable. Approved 3 June.

19. **68.** Like order to deliver and send to Hull 30 great guns, with carriages, &c., or as many as they judge needful. Approved 3 June.

20. A report from the Treasury Commissioners, on the petition of the poor hammermen of the Pewterers' Company, London, read.

21. Whereas John Bidle was committed to custody in Scilly by Council's order of 5 Oct. 1655, and whereas Council is now informed that he has been sent up to London, with an officer, on a writ of *habeas corpus* in the Upper Bench, directed to Jos. Hunkyn, Governor of Scilly, who prays directions for his disposal till return of the writ—order that the officer in whose custody he is deliver him to the Marshal of the Upper Bench, who is to take him into custody, and keep him safely till delivered by law.

22. Order on a report from the Committee about altering a former order [*see* 17 *July* 1655] made for the Earl of Lothian referring his case to the Commissioners at Leith—that the order in question be performed by the judges of the Exchequer in Scotland, rather than by the Commissioners at Leith.

24. The petition of — ——, concerning arrears of Lieut.-Col. Jubs, who died in Jamaica, referred to the Jamaica Committee, to report.

25. The same Committee to report quickly what can be done for widows and other poor women who attend about the arrears for service in Jamaica.

27. The petition and papers of the creditors of Sir Allen Apsley referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

28. A pass for Mardike to be granted to Geo. Lincker, gentleman of Hassia, a person of good affection to the State, and well qualified by his parts and conversation for employment, and who has lived some years at Oxford University; the pass to contain a recommendation to the commanders of the English forces in Flanders, and others. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 648–657.]

June 1. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Nath. Smith, Mayor of Dover, and Thos. White of Dover. Ambassador Lockhart intends sending from Mardike to Dover some sick and wounded soldiers, and Council desires you to take effectual means to quarter and provide for them. They have ordered Frost to advance you 200*l.*, and have sent down a surgeon and surgeon's mate to Dover, to attend their cure and recovery. [*I.* 78, *p.* 875.]

June 1. **69.** Articles presented to the Committee for Approbation of Public Preachers, against Jas. Cockaine, of Frodsham, co. Chester.

1. He denies the ministry as an office.
2. Says that no Christian in these ages has the spirit of God in any measure.

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3. Says that the image of God in us does not consist in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness.
4. Calls the sacraments Popery.
5. Disallows catechizing.
6. Says that syllogisms are of the devil.
7. Denies the sanctity of the Sabbath.
8. Several parishioners eminent for piety have withdrawn from his ministry.

With request that as the witnesses are many, there may be a commission to the justices of peace of the county, to examine them and certify. [1 *page.*]

June 1. **70.** Admiralty Commissioners to Rich. Nutt, master of the barges, Edw. Golling, and Wm. Bromage. Being authorized by patent under the Great Seal to direct the impressing of seamen in times of action and contest with foreign powers, we have considered how the service may best be supplied with seamen out of the watermen in the Thames, and confiding in your wisdom and faithfulness, we empower you to impress 500 able watermen, giving them press and conduct money to the ships now in the Hope.

The number must be complete in 10 days, and on their appearance on board ship, you are to take receipts from the commanders of each ship of the number and quality of the men delivered, which shall be a direction to the Navy Commissioners to adjust your accounts. With writ of assistance.

If any impressed do not appear, but refuse, hide, or withdraw, you shall endeavour the apprehension of them, and also of those who receive press money and then desert the service, and bring them before us to answer their contempt, and receive lawful punishment; and on their appearance, you shall be allowed their press and conduct money and charges; but you are strictly forbidden, directly or indirectly, to receive any gratuity or reward, or by any corrupt practice, to discharge any person impressed, but with all integrity to press able seamen most fit to promote the service. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

70. I. *Order in the Admiralty Committee,* 8 *July* 1658, *that the Navy Commissioners examine their account for* 67*l.* 18*s.*, *spent in impressing* 353 *men, for press and conduct money at* 4*s.*, *or* 1*s.* 6*d.*, *boat hire, &c., and in case it has really been disbursed, give order for its payment.* [¾ *page.*]

June 2. The Elizabeth, Copenhagen. **71.** Capt. Robt. Colman to the Navy Commissioners. I was directed by the Protector, after landing the 2 Commissioners of the King of Sweden at Gottenburg, to sail for Stralsund and take on board the lady of Monsieur Freizendorp, who resides in England; but when near Copenhagen, the pilot ran the frigate aground, where she lay 9 hours. I was forced to take up 20*l.* of Timothy Goff, merchant, to pay for a vessel to take out the ballast. I desire the bill may be paid. [1 *page.*]

June 2. The Great President, at Sea, Lat. 44. **72.** Capt. Rich. Potter to the Navy Commissioners. Being off the North Cape with the Colchester and Fagon, on April 14 we chased 2 or 3 men-of-war, but the Fagon received so much damage

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by loss of masts, rigging, &c., in the storms, that we were forced to put into Lisbon for repair. There we found the Preston, who had taken Capt. Beach, but soon after, lost foremast, bowsprit, and maintopmast; this disaster befalling them when all clean has been a great hindrance to the service.

There were 50 or 60 sail fitting at Cadiz bound for the West Indies, and 14 of their largest men-of-war were ready to sail the end of May, but I have not seen or heard of any of the enemies' men-of-war this month; I think there are few on this coast since they have heard of us. I shall make for Plymouth to revictual next month, unless otherwise ordered. I send an account for re-fitting the President and others, amounting to 664*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, and for which I have charged bills on you by order of the commanders. [1 *page.*]

June 3. **73.** Petition of Wm. Piccard, woolwinder of Tamworth, co. Stafford, to the Protector. Notwithstanding the Acts and proclamations against deceit in the winding and folding of wools, inexpert and unsworn persons put in sand, dust, pitch, tar, double marks, &c., by which the wool weighs more, but clothiers are prejudiced. I have been an able and knowing sworn workman 20 years; though now 70 years old, I have borne arms for Parliament, had 2 sons in the service, in which I lost one, and have an aged wife and great family, but have lost my subsistence because I will not consent to these deceits, and therefore cannot get employment. I beg a commission to enquire into such abuses, and bring the offenders to punishment, with such allowance as you think fit. With order 29 May that the Privy Council order a proclamation for executing the Statutes for due winding and folding of wools, for swearing honest and skilful men to be winders and folders, and for preventing deceits and encouraging trade. [1 *sheet.*]

June 3. Reference in Council of this petition to Wolsley, Disborow, Mr. Secretary, Fleetwood, Rich. Cromwell, the Comptroller, Lisle, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 660.]

June 3. **74.** Petition of John Edwards and others, late farmers of excise for co. Wilts, to the Protector and his Privy Council. Gave 755*l.* more than ever given before for the farm last year, and have convicted 5 brewers of New Sarum, and desired, according to Acts of Parliament and the late Proclamation, Thos. Cutler, Rob. Good, Wm. Stone, and other justices in the city, to grant a warrant of distress against the brewers, which they absolutely refuse. Beg that they may be summoned to answer therefor. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

74. I. *Deposition of Rowland Horridge, of Golden Lane, London, to the refusal of the said justices to grant the warrants though urged, and shown the informations and proceedings against the brewers.* 5 *May* 1658. [1 *page.*]

June 3. Order thereon to write to the justices requiring them to grant the warrants, and to give an account of their refusal in the cases represented. Approved in person. [*I.* 78, *p.* 661.]

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June 3. **75.** Petition of the inhabitants of Oakham, co. Rutland, to the Protector. We have the largest congregation in the county, a great door of hope, and an able and godly minister, but the living is burdened with heavy first-fruits and tenths, and with 3 chapels of ease, each having a curate maintained by the incumbent, for if they received the profits of their villages, the residue arising from Oakham would only be 50*l.*, chiefly in petty tithes, troublesome to collect. There are five impropriations in the parish yet in lease, late belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, now worth 110*l.*, and will be worth more when the leases expire. We beg therefrom 70*l.* for our minister. [17 *signatures.* 1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

75. I. *Account of the revenues of Oakham vicarage and its* 3 *chapels, co. Rutland, viz.* :—

	£
Parish church of Oakham cum Barlithorpe -	50
Langham, tithes 40*l*, *and augmentation* 50*l.* -	90
Eggleton - - - - -	20
Brooke - - - - -	20

Also account of the impropriations in Oakham parish, total value 111*l.*, *and note as to their disposal.* [1 *page.*]

75. II. *Proposal that of the said* 111*l.*, 90*l.* *be given to Oakham, making it* 140*l.*, *and* 21*l.* *to Eggleton and Brooke, which are to be united, thus making them* 61*l.*; *Langham to have its present profit of* 90*l.*

With order, signed by the Protector, approving the said proposal, and adding that if any of the 111*l.* *be already settled by the Trustees, some other provision is to be made for them.* [¾ *page.*]

June 3. Order in Council confirming the above order. Approved in person. [*I.* 78, *p.* 662.]

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His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1.* Order on "a narrative of the case of Edm. Tucker, a godly preacher in Dittesham parish, co. Devon, prosecuted by John Stroud, an ejected malignant"—to write to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers in co. Devon, to call the parties before them, reconcile the difference if possible, or else report who is the offender.

2. Order on petition of the bailiffs and burgesses of East Retford borough, and a certificate from the justices of peace of co. Notts, of 21 Jan. 1651,—shewing that the steeple of the only church there was blown down in a great wind, 11 Jan. 1657–8, that the cost of restoring it will be 3,400*l.*, with which repair they have made considerable progress, selling their lands and contracting debts to pay for the same—to advise letters patent to collect money for the said purpose in cos. Notts, Lincoln, and York, and the city of London.

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3.* Order—on report of a letter from Roger Higgs and other farmers of excise on ale, &c., in co. York, with a paper inciting the apprentices, &c., of Leeds to expel the excise officers from thence, which paper was distributed in several places, but was prevented by the diligence of Alderman Allison — to write to thank Allison; also that the high sheriff of co. York, the 4 aldermen of Leeds, and Major Goodrick examine the business about the paper, and who were the ringleaders, and take them into custody; also examine concerning one of the ministers there who is said to be disaffected, and certify the whole business.

4. The petition of the poor workmen and armourers of London, concerning arms delivered to the Ordnance officers at the Tower, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

5. The draft of an order for a Committee for the Army and Receivers-General of the third 6 months' assessment, from 24 June 1658, part of the 3 years' assessment of 35,000*l.* a month from 24 June 1657, approved, and to be sent up to his Highness.

6. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners, out of the next assessment money, to pay John Backwell and Rich. Deane, War Treasurers, 210,000*l.* for payment of the army.

7.* The draft of an order pronounced last Tuesday, authorising the Commissioners on Appeals for Excise, on certificate from the Commissioners of Excise, to issue warrants as directed by the Act of 14 August 1649, read and approved.

8. **76.** The proposal of the Governor of Hurst Castle, co. Hants., for supply of necessaries, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

9. **77.** Also his petition touching the charge of removing John, Lord Sinclair, with a guard to Windsor Castle.

10. The petition of Thos. Russell referred to Wolsley, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Fleetwood, Richard Cromwell, Mr. Comptroller, Lisle, and Strickland, to report.

12. The petition and proposals of the aldermen and burgesses of Kingston-upon-Hull referred to Strickland, Fleetwood, Wolsley, Richard Cromwell, and Desborow, to report.

13.* Order on petition of the chief inhabitants of Much Waltham parish, co. Essex, — shewing that the profits of the vicarage amount to 60*l.*, chiefly arising from the poorer people—to recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 30*l.* on the minister there.

15.* Order, on a letter of 24 May 1658, from the mayor and justices of peace of Leicester, that Wm. Symes, lecturer there, and Wm. Grace, minister of Rearesby near, be assistants to the Committee for ejecting scandalous Ministers in cos. Leicester and Rutland.

16.* The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 40*l.* on the minister of Bloxham, co. Oxon.

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17.* On information that Hannah Boyce, widow, having bought houses in Crooked Lane, London, the late King's property, paid 200*l.* for them, and spent 300*l.* in repairs, &c., was forcibly evicted therefrom by Ralph Blackhall, almost to her ruin;—order that the Commissioners for removing Obstructions report how the matter stands, and what should be done.

18. The Jamaica Committee to meet this afternoon.

19.* **78.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to send to Mardike 200 tents, with the staves, pins, and mallets, and there to deliver 100 each to the chief officers of Cols. Salmon and Guibon's regiments.

21.* The Admiralty Commissioners to order the War Treasurers to pay 700*l.* in the account of pay due to Col. Salmon's foot regiment.

23. On information that Thos. Salmon, collector of monthly assessments in co. Somerset, having returned a great sum to Rich. Burt, a factor in London, for payment into the Treasury to his account, Burt tried to ship himself and a large quantity of goods away, but was stayed in the Thames, on a commission of bankruptcy, after he had paid away 110*l.* in excise, the return of which towards Salmon's account is prayed;—order that the Treasury Commissioners consider the matter and report.

His Highness withdrew.

24. Order on petition of Francis, Lord Russell,—shewing that the vicarages of Chippenham and Stechworth, co. Cambridge, cannot maintain a preacher, as the profits are but about 28*l.* and 42*l.* respectively — to recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle on the minister of each place an augmentation of 50*l.* from the impropriation of Fordham, when the lease expires. Approved 29 June.

25. The petition of Sam. Vassall, prisoner in the Upper Bench, read.

26. Fleetwood, Sydenham, Strickland, Lisle, and Wolsley to consider the settlement of militia in the Isle of Wight, and report.

27. Approval by the Protector of 12 orders, 6 May—3 June. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 657–666.]

June 3. Declaration of the Protector in Council appointing John Clerke, Rich. Lucy, Edw. Horseman, Jas. Phillipps, Gervase Bennet, and John Hildesley, an Army Committee, with the powers granted 28 Jan. 1653–4, to issue the third 6 months' assessment for the army, commencing 24 June 1658, being part of the 3 years' assessment ordered by Parliament, and appointing John Blackwell and Rich. Deane receivers-general thereof, with powers to assign part of the said money in the counties where it is raised, as it cannot else be paid in time to be a seasonable supply for the service. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 875–877.]

June 3.
Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Mr. Allenson, alderman of Leeds. Council hears from the Excise Commissioners of co. York of your care in preventing the outrages threatened by the seditious crowds

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gathered in and about Leeds, and in suppressing the imminent tumults, and desires to express their approval of your conduct, and their sense of your loyal care in the matter; they also empower you to examine into the same, and endeavour to find the ringleaders, and inflict condign punishment on all offenders. [*I.* 78, *p.* 881.]

June 3. The London, Downs.

79. Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will carefully obey your orders to provide shipping to transport 2 of Col. Guibon's companies to Mardike. The Holland fleet are kept in the Downs by bad weather, and some having lost their boats want others. I have ordered that they be allowed to buy them at Deal on fair valuation, and be civilly dealt with, as they have behaved themselves very civilly.

Several English Dutch ships from Malaga say that 3 weeks since, they spoke near there with Capt. Stoakes, who had taken a Dunkirk man-of-war, but would have to come home for provisions. I hope the victualling ship will meet them seasonably.

The Secretary of State's letters are sent over in the Bramble. Shall I send her again with men to Lord Montague, who wants some?

I ordered privately the commander of Deal castle, and the other 2 castles, to be ready for the coming of the Dutch fleet. I sent to Deal for townsmen to come onto my ship for his Highness's service, and 20 came, so I thanked them, and they said they would be ready to do service at any time. The bad weather prevents our hearing from the other side. I have sent over some tents, &c., for Mardike. [1 *page.*]

June 4. Marseilles.

80. Jo. Aldworth to [Robt. Blackborne]. I send the answer of Admiral Stoakes to the Admiralty Commissioners' letter of the 6th ult., and do not question but he has given an ample account of the sad condition of the fleet for want of provisions, not having money to buy them, and no man there will supply him with a penny but myself, who hitherto have assisted him to the utmost. I am disheartened by the advice received that the 1500*l.* I so long since supplied the Admiral is not yet paid, nor likely to be for a long time. Pray move the Commissioners that it may be speedily paid, as it will encourage and enable me to supply the wants of the fleet, which will be great, till the victuallers arrive. [⅔ *page.*]

June 4. The Speaker, Dunkirk.

81. Jno. Pitt to the Navy Commissioners. I will send an account of boatswains' and carpenters' stores ordered from the ships of the fleet for service on shore, as also to make palisades on the strand, both to the east and west side of the town, to stop the incursion of the enemy's army on the besiegers.

On the 2nd inst., Don John's army faced Marshall Turenne at a distance, as also on the 3rd, and the latter, supposing they might entrench without him to the eastward, sent to his excellency, Lord Lockhart, to join with him, with the English that were on the west side, which they did this morning, and made towards Don John. There was a sharp dispute for a time, but in two or three hours, the Spanish army received a total rout, 1000 at

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least slain, and many taken, and among the rest, it is reported that the Duke of York, so called, is slain. However, it is credible that he was there and Condé and Caracena; the remainder of them were beaten home to the walls of Fem. All this while the approaches, which are home to the counterscarf, were made good, and no damage at all from the town, only the tents and cots on the west side all burnt. It is very remarkable to hear how the French applaud the courage of the English soldiers, who, by all relation, deserve the chiefest praises in this, as in other enterprises that have been undergone, by the breaking out of them from the town at several sallies. Marshall Hocencourt is reported to have died through a wound received yesterday. [1 *page.*]

June 5. The London, Downs.

82. Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to Robt. Blackborne. I send a receipt for 100 tickets, and more are wanting for most of the ships in the Downs. I have sent 90 able seamen to Lord Montague, and desire you will send him some down. I understand the Spanish army is likely to be caught at some advantage, as they are between the French army that have waited their motion, and the town of Dunkirk, so that there are men enough to keep the siege and fight the enemy. De Ruyter and his fleet are yet in the Downs; he has carried himself very civilly hitherto, and I hope it will continue while he remains. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 5. The London, Downs.

83. Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Dutch fleet are still in the Downs by reason of the weather, and have careened and washed their ships; I expect they will be gone suddenly. They seem to enquire how the business goes at Dunkirk, demeaning themselves very civilly. I hear from the commander of the Providence that the Spanish army has come within 4 miles of Dunkirk to the eastward, that the French flying army is eastward of them, that a great party of the English and French are drawn out to fight them, and that they engaged yesterday, but I have no intelligence of this from the Vice-admiral. The Providence took in the three companies of Col. Guibon's regiment, and returned from Mardike yesterday, and the Bramble took in 91 seamen out of ships in the Downs for the Naseby; being out of provisions, I ordered her 14 days' out of the Essex. Lord Montague wants two able pilots to carry his ship to Mardike Pits. The Assistance landed Lord Falconbridge at Dover yesterday, and has returned to Calais Road for the anchor and 3 cables she left behind in the foul weather; being out of provisions, I ordered her 14 days' from Dover, and then to return to the Downs until the Dutch fleet are gone, who, it is reported, look for 20 sail to come to them from Spithead. [1 *page.*]

June 5. The Providence.

84. Capt. John Poyntz to the Admiralty Commissioners. I set sail out of Dunkirk Road the 3rd inst., and before my departure, I was appointed to lie with the frigate under my command to the eastward of Dunkirk, for a battery against the Spanish forces, if they should come to relieve the town or raise the siege. On the second day, being Wednesday, the Spanish army arrived to the eastward

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of Dunkirk town, two miles from the Legar, (Lager or camp?) and I understand that the flying army of the French was, on the 3rd inst., within three miles of our army. I hear from Lieut.-Col. Haynes that Marshal Turenne intended to fight the Spanish army last Friday, and that most of our army had been drawn out of Mardike to the same purpose. I am now ready to set sail for Dunkirk with the soldiers. [¾ *page.*]

June 6. The London, Downs. **85.** Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Dutch fleet sailed yesterday from the Downs; I sent the Forester to follow them as far as the Ness. About 5 a.m. the General appeared without the Goodwin Sands, on his way to Dunkirk, and I believe he got into Mardike Pits at noon. A hoy arrived with a mortar piece and other provisions for Mardike; I sent the Fame with her as a convoy, and as she is very leaky, and nearly out of victuals, I desire orders concerning her. I suppose you have heard of the good news of the routing of the Spanish army. [¾ *page.*]

June 7. Lisbon. **86.** Capt. Eustace Smith to the Admiralty Commissioners. While off the North Cape, we took a ship of Dort, bound from Bilboa to Cadiz, with iron belonging to the Spaniards, and carried her to Lisbon, where I sold the iron on the State's account, and unloaded the rest of the goods for sale; but I agreed with the master that he should have what belonged to him and his company, as also his freight. I have not been able to speak with the President, Colchester, or Fagon. I shall not stay for the recovery of the money for the prize goods, but take an account of it, and leave it in the hands of Jno. Reed, merchant.

I hear that the Spanish fleet of 43 sail have sailed for the Indies, with 4000 foot soldiers, and that they intend touching at Jamaica; also that the greater part of the Biscay men of war are plying off the Straits' mouth and Cadiz, to intercept English ships that pass in or out. [2 *pages.*]

June 8. **87.** Petition of Reginald Baxter, maltster of Ingham, Kent, to the Protector, for relief, as granted to others in like cases. On 18 September 1656, a lamentable fire burnt his malthouse, millhouse, barns, outbuildings, and whole stock, value 750*l.* and the county justices have sent a petition to the Commissioners of the Great Seal on his behalf, which it is not in their power to grant. With reference thereon to the Privy Council, 7 July 1657. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

87. I. *Certificate by Thos. Style, and* 18 *other justices of peace of co. Kent, to the Commissioners of the Great Seal, recommending Baxter's deplorable condition to them, and begging for the customary relief;* 7 *April* 1657. 19 *signatures.* [1 *page.*]

87. II. *Copy of the above.* [1 *page.*]

June 8. Order thereon by Council, advising a patent for him to make a collection for his losses in co. Kent, he having a wife and 5 children; Surrey and Sussex added 22 June. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 676, 706.]

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His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

3.* Sir Jno. Barkstead and another justice of peace to examine the persons concerned in the duel between the Earl of Chesterfield and Capt. John Whalley, and report.

4.* All persons holding books, papers, &c. concerning public faith bills, debentures, &c., which have been doubled on the credit of any Act for sale of forfeited lands, &c., to keep them safe till further order.

5. To advise payment of 100*l.* to Edw. Sedgwick, counsellor-at-law, for services before the Fraudulent Debentures' Commissioners, to be paid as advised by the order of 4 May, for an allowance to the said Commissioners.

6.* The report from the Committee on a paper from the Commismissioners on the Act for the new buildings read and agreed to, and order that they have 500*l.* beside their allowances by the Act, and that the Commissioners be authorised to issue warrants to the receivers appointed by the Act to pay 500*l.* as follows for the officers there employed, beside their allowance, *viz.*, 400*l.* to the Commissioners for distribution among the officers, and 100*l.* to the receiver for like distribution.

7.* His Highness's counsel to meet occasionally, when so requested, with the Commissioners to prevent multiplicity of new buildings, to advise them in cases of difficulty.

8.* On report from the Committee on petition of the mayor and burgesses of Kingston-on-Hull,—shewing that one of their desires is for the manor house, bestowed on the Town by Parliament and used as a magazine, to be kept in repair, and rent paid for it;—order that Col. Hen. Smith, governor, Col. Hugh Bethel, Hugh Lister, Maj. Waterhouse, Capt. Brockhurst, and Capt. Overton, see if the house is required as a public magazine, and if so, what it is worth yearly, being kept in repair by the State.

9.* Approval of the augmentation of 25*l.* for John Oliver, minister of Margate at Cliffe, West Cliff, co. Kent.

10. Order on Mr. Nye's report on petition of the inhabitants of Plympton Mary parish, co. Devon, that the governor of the almshouses of Windsor Castle order an account of the revenue, what has come in by rents reserved on old leases, and what is in arrear, what improvement has been made by raised rents, or fines taken on granting new leases, and what remains above the sum granted for support of the almshouses, and what further improvement may occur within a year by the running out of old leases.

11. The Committee on Scotch Affairs to consider the instructions given to the Council in Scotland, whose term of power is nearly expired, how far the same should be renewed, and what alterations be made, and to report.

14. A warrant to be issued to the serjeant-at-arms, to arrest on suspicion of being spies 2 persons seeming to be of quality, and Spaniards in Dutch habits, who have been in these parts lodging

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in a close way, and going by the name of Lord Francis of the Windmill, and another name. *Annexing,*

88. *Draft warrant to Serj. Dendy to arrest them as dangerous persons, and bring them in safe custody before Council.* 8 *June* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

15. Order on report on the petition of Francis Smith of Chelsea, that he has disbursed for service of England and Ireland 410*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.*, whereof 127*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*, beside interest, is certified by the Commissioners to whom his Highness referred the case,—shewing his losses in one ship, and in the freight of another, both employed on State service in Ireland, and by suit arising therefrom to be 1,000*l.*, and praying satisfaction for the 410*l.*, or a yearly pension,—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners for a pension of 40*l.*

16. Order on report from the Committee on several certificates from Army officers concerning the condition of families of officers cast away with Lieut.-Col. White, *viz.*, Wm. Gore, Lieut. to Capt. King; — Neede, Lieut. to Capt. Luson; Rich. Neate, Ensign to his Highness; John Collingwood, Ensign to Capt. Wright; Thos. Southall, Sergt. to Maj. Keene, and — Hitch, Lieut. to Capt. Preast; —to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 200*l.* to Anne Gore for herself and 3 children; 75*l.* to Susannah Neate for herself and 1 child; 37*l.* 10*s.* to Anne Collingwood, and 37*l.* 10*s.* to Eliz. Southall for herself and 1 child, and to give notice to the Ely House Commissioners to cease their pensions there.

17.* The Ely House Commissioners to pay pensions to the following, until the Treasury Commissioners shall order them to cease, *viz.*, to

Anne Gore and 3 children - - -	10*s.*	a week.
Susannah Neate and 1 child -	6*s.*	„
Anne Collingwood - - - -	5*s.*	„
Eliz. Southall - - - -	4*s.*	„

19. To advise an order to try Hen. Mallory and Sir Hum. Bennett before the Commissioners authorised by the Act for safety of his His Highness's person.

20, 21. Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Fleetwood, Mr. Comptroller, Wolsley, Sydenham, Lord Chamberlain, Strickland, Skippon, and Lisle to send for counsel and arrange the management of the trials, and counsel to have notice to meet them at 4 this afternoon in the Council Chamber.

His Highness withdrew.

22. Order on report on a petition of Capt. Rich. Pechell [*see April* 1658],—that if he pay into the Treasurers for Dean and Chapter lands 303*l.* 19*s.*, being ½ of 607*l.* 18*s.*, and deliver the bill for Bethel's arrears, they give him a single bill for 303*l.* 19*s.*, and also a doubled bill for 607*l.* 18*s.*, which latter shall be allowed in purchase of Dean and Chapter lands;—that the Treasury Commis-

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sioners have a warrant to repay him the 303*l.* 19*s.*; and that they advise with the Drury House Trustees how lands worth 100*l.* a year may be settled on him, in lieu of the 100*l.* a year ordered by Parliament, and report. *Annexing,*

89. *Report alluded to by Fleetwood and Sydenham, adding also that he should have a 99 years' lease of forfeited lands in Ireland, value* 120*l. a year.* [1⅓ *pages.*]

25. Col. Roger Broadridge, prisoner in the Tower, to have liberty to prosecute his lawsuits a fortnight longer, on like security as before, and Lord Barkstead to take the security, and permit him his liberty accordingly.

26. Order on report on the petition of John Warre—[*see* 4 *Nov.* 1657]—stating his purchases of lands, &c., on behalf of Col. Phil. Jones' regiment; that the Commissioners for Obstructions, on 29 Jan. 1657–8, 25 June 1656, and 2 June 1658, allowed the claims of others to the said lands, and directed reprize to the purchasers, in ready money or new bills or debentures; also that the contractors valued the reprizes at 800*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, being at 16 years' purchase, and also said they should be repaid 50*l.* a year for 7 years' profits, which they are to pay to the city of London, being 350*l.*—that the Treasurers for sale of Crown lands give them new debentures for the said sums; but as they cannot be paid out of those lands, that the whole sum, 1,150*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, be paid them in ready money, on bringing in their debentures and public faith bills, provided they apply the same to be accepted in purchase of such fee-farm rents as Warre shall discover to belong to the State, and to be yet unsold. Approved 17 June. *Annexing,*

90. *Report alluded to by Mr. Comptroller and Wolsley* [2½ *pages.*]

90. I. *Rough drafts of part of the above report.* [2 *papers.*]

90. II. *Certificate by the Commissioners for removing Obstructions in the sale of Crown lands of the value of the said reprizes.* 26 *May* 1658. [2 *pages.*]

27. Order on petition of Geo. Eakins, of Rants, co. Northampton, that Phil. Turner, of Barton-on-Humber, co. Lincoln, be at liberty to come up to London, for levying a fine named in the petition.

29. The petition of Arnold Beake, merchant of London, and Company, and the report thereon from the Treasury Commissioners, referred to Sydenham, Wolsley, Lisle, and Strickland, to report.

30. The petition of the townsmen and parishioners of Ormskirk, co. Lancaster, referred to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, to report.

31. Order on a letter from Walt. Ellwood, Thos. Berry, John Hunt, John Lindsey, Jn. Brockhurst, and Elisha Coles, Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers in co. Oxon, of 4 June, in answer to Council's letter of 18 May,—giving account of proceedings in ejecting Hen. Beesley, late minister of Swerford,—to write signifying Council's approval of their proceedings, and encouraging them

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to execute the Ordinance and put a fit and able minister in Beesley's place. With the letter accordingly. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 666–676, 881.]

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Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to Arthur Upton and the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers for co. Devon. Council—hearing that John [or Edm.] Tucker, who was settled by the Committee for Plundered Ministers in the rectory of Dittesham, sequestered from John Stroud for his malignancy, has received much interruption and annoyance in his ministry and rights from Stroud, who has granted estates in the copyhold manor belonging to the rectory, and raised suits to eject copyhold tenements granted by Tucker,—empowers you to examine into the whole matter, summon the parties concerned, and witnesses, and try to arrange the difference in a friendly manner, to the end Tucker may have quiet enjoyment of his rights; and if you cannot do this, report who is the offending party. [*I.* 78, *p.* 878.]

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Whitehall.

Council to [the sheriffs of Counties]. Whereas large quantities of tobacco having been planted in England, tending to the decay of husbandry, prejudice of the Plantations, and hindrance of trade, by Act of 5 April 1652, it was ordered that no tobacco should be grown in England, and that any one finding it should be at liberty to grub and cut it down:—His Highness and Council hearing that, this Act notwithstanding, divers persons are preparing to plant vast quantities of tobacco, you are to put the Act into execution, assist those who destroy the tobacco, and suppress all assaults of those rising in opposition. With writ of assistance. [*I.* 78, *p.* 879].

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91. Account of receipts in the Pell Office of the Exchequer from Esa. Risby, Rob. Williams, and other farmers of the excise of cider, perry, and methegline, in cos. Gloucester and Somerset, and City of Bristol, from 29 Sept. 1657; total 7800*l.* [*Parchment.*]

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Flushing.

92. Jno. Gill, senior, to Maj. Robt. Thomson. I beg you will inform the Protector that there are some boats about to put to sea the first opportunity of wind, on some secret design, and as they are to be commanded by some of the King's captains, and are manned by the greatest villains that ever existed, precautions should be taken along the English coasts for preventing their villainies.

Present my service to the Protector, and tell him that he has a friend and servant in Flushing, as is shown by kindness to the State's men-of-war when they come there, as was well known by Vice-Adm. Goodson, Gen. Geo. Downing, and others, whose letters all went through my hands. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 8.
The London, Downs.

93. Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to Robt. Blackborne. Rear-Adm. Bourne arrived yesterday, and brought an order from Lord Montague to sail at once for Mardike Pits. I have since made all dispatch, and communicated the last letter I received from the Commissioners to the Rear-Admiral, so that nothing might be neglected. Pray thank

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the Commissioners for all favours; I hope I have given them content in what they have entrusted me with; I have not been wanting in taking any pains and care night and day, and have been at great expense, which I doubt not but the Commissioners will consider, having had experience of their goodness towards me. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 8. The Swiftsure, Downs. **94.** Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I arrived in the Downs last night with the Bridgwater, and have been ordered by the General to take charge of the squadron there, and for the Bridgwater with Capt. Whitehorne to proceed to Mardike. The soldiers shipped for Mardike are still waiting orders, having been stopped from sailing by a warrant from Lord Lockhart. I supplied the ship with 70 men, which much disabled me; I wait directions. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

June 8. **95.** Rear-Adm. Bourne to Robt. Blackborne. To similar effect. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 8. The Swiftsure, Downs. **96.** Rear-Adm. Bourne to the Navy Commissioners. I sent my boat with the packet for Capt. Whitehorne, as he was under sail for Mardike, as also the letters for Gen. Montague and Mr. Creed. I return one from Capt. Whitehorne. I have sent the Fame to Harwich to clean and revictual, and then return to her station. The soldiers shipped for Mardike have received orders to return on shore, and I rejoice in the goodness of the Lord, which has taken away the present necessity for their going over. I will send the 600 deals that were shipped with them, as also some buoys and anchors, the General having sent for them. I hope the designs in Flanders will be crowned with success. [1 *page.*]

June 9. The Swiftsure, Downs. **97.** Rear-Adm. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Bryer and Lark have come into the Road, with 250 soldiers belonging to Col. Salmon's regiment at Portsmouth, bound for Mardike; but there is an order from Lord Lockhart stopping all soldiers for that place, the Spanish forces in those parts having lately suffered a great defeat. The soldiers belonging to Col. Guibon's regiment were also commanded by his Highness not to proceed; I have therefore desired an order from the Secretary of State therein. There not being above 10 days' victuals left on board those vessels for the soldiers, I want your order touching the two vessels, in case they put the soldiers ashore here. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

June 9. **98.** Eliza Kemp to her brother, Lieut.-Gen. Ludlow, Dorchester House, near Westminster Abbey. Mr. Jackman, one of your troopers, will speak to you about Lathen's town for Mr. Lambard; it is yet in the list to be set forth for part of your lot, but there are daily changes; we should prepare for the worst, and labour for resigned hearts to the will of God. If he give you a settlement, in it, it will be a rich mercy. Your friends approve the proposals in your letter. I will make proposals to any dealers, but not till a full settlement be made.

There is great need of patience in this age. Land [in Ireland] is grown very cheap now, because so many claims are granted that

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men begin to grow weary of the trouble of it, and of the many great taxes upon it.

The Earl of Thomond shall be told of your desire. My husband will let Will. Coll have the grazing of his stock. I am troubled to hear of my mother's weakness; persuade her to take Dr. Goddard's medicine. [1 *page.*]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. The petition of Francis Prince, merchant, for himself, Wm. Peacock, Robt. Stiles, Zeger Corcellis, and Henry Browne, all English merchants living in Amsterdam, for restitution of a ship of theirs called the Charity, with her goods, which, being bound for a voyage to the Sumner Islands, was seized at Barbadoes by Capt. Chris. Minns, commander of the Marston Moor, on pretence that she belonged to strangers; also the testimonial of sale of the Charity by Frans Janson, of Mununckendam, Master, and oath that the above are really Englishmen, and her true owners, referred to Desborow, Skippon, Strickland, Wolsley, Mr. Comptroller, and Mr. Secretary, to speak with George Prince, hear what he has to offer for the petitioners' relief, and report.

2. On petition of Mich. Jermin, D.D., who formerly enjoyed 2 benefices, one in London and the other in Sussex, but was, by the Committee for Plundered Ministers, sequestered from his London benefice, and permitted to enjoy the other, which in turn was also taken from him, and given to another, and now he prays leave to continue to preach, in spite of the order that sequestered ministers should not preach—order that he be allowed so to preach.

3. The draft instructions for the Council of Scotland, represented by Desborow from the Committee, read, approved, and sent up to his Highness.

4. Order—on report from the Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker, of 29 May, on reference on a petition of the owners of the Endeavour and her lading, taken by 4 French ships employed in the King of France's service under Marshal de Mill Ree, on her way from Teneriffe to London, 21 Nov. 1655, that is, after peace was concluded between England and France, and so contrary to the articles of treaty; also on report of proceedings taken for redress according to the 3rd Article of the treaty, and taken in vain, whereby their case entitles them to have special letters of marque granted, to recover their loss of 16,587*l.*—that Mr. Secretary send copies of the report to Sir Wm. Lockhart and Lord Bordeaux, with letters signifying his Highness's unwillingness to issue letters of marque, and his desire that restitution should be made some other way.

His Highness present.

5.* The Lord Chamberlain to see that Somerset House be fitted for the entertainment of Foreign Ambassadors, and see those who lodge there accommodated elsewhere by 29 September.

6.* The Army Committee to order the War-treasurers, on account of the great arrears due to Lord Falconbridge's regiment of

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horse, to advance them a month's pay, as was done for Maj.-Gen. Bridge's regiment, as their assignation of pay is on places remote from London.

7.* The petition of Col. Hen. Brookes, of co. Chester, concerning his services and suffering by a party of the late King's under the Earl of Rivers, and his after reducing of Halton Castle there, which, as part of the late King's land, was since purchased by him, in the wall of which 506*l.* was lately found, presumably placed there in time of war, which he prays to keep, towards satisfaction of his arrears and losses—referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to examine and report the whole case, see that the 506*l.* is secured, and the State's right not prejudiced, and report.

8. The petition of Hen. Dumscombe, of Taunton, co. Somerset, and a letter from him to his Highness of 7 June, concerning a discovery of 2,963*l.* alleged to be in the hands of Aldermen Fowke and Andrews, and of 500*l.* in those of the Earl of Northampton, referred to a Committee on a former petition of Dumscombe's, *viz.*, Montague, Sydenham, Jones, Wolsley, Desborow, Skippon, and Strickland, to report.

His Highness withdrew.

9. Order on report from the Committee on the Marquis of Argyle's petition, containing the facts concerning half the excise on wine and strong waters granted him 11 September 1656, that Jessop signify to the Marquis that Council thinks fit to leave him to make the best advantage he can in the matter, and if he finds difficulties, they will render him fit assistance in recommending his case to the notice of Parliament.

10. A letter to Council of 7 June, from Drs. John Palmer and Joshua Cross, and other Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers in co. Oxon, setting forth their proceedings in the ejection of Mr. Beesley, read; and a letter ordered to them, stating that the ejection has been according to law, and desiring them to proceed in the execution of the Ordinance, and unite their endeavours in so public and necessary a work. With the letter. [*I.* 78, *p.* 881.]

11. Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Fleetwood, Jones, and Sydenham to consider a letter from Lord Montague, General of the Fleet, concerning disposal of convoys and the Downs ships, speak with the Admiralty Commissioners, and report.

12. To-day's report from the Admiralty Commissioners, concerning the state and necessities of naval affairs, referred to Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Fleetwood, Jones, and Sydenham, to speak with the said Commissioners, learn the state and details of the fleet and stores, and what amount will meet the most pressing necessities, and report, and to meet again on Tuesday, and consider how the money may be supplied.

13. A pass requested for Dr. Taylor for Ireland refused.

15. The petition of Martin Lister, John Baker, and Stephen Kirke, concerning the fee farm rents of Hatfield Chace, late the Duke of Buckingham's estate, referred to the Treasury Commis-

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sioners, to speak with the Drury House Trustees, state the case, and report.

16. The report on Rob. Parkhurst's petition to be considered next Tuesday.

17. On report by the Jamaica Committee of a paper by Fras. Hodges, Treasurer of the Forces, containing proposals for payments to widows, wives, and other relatives of those in service there, and to the sick and wounded, and those who have been prisoners but are returned—estimating the payments to widows at 400*l.*, 200*l.*, 834*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*, and 665*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*; also an estimate of sums due to sick and wounded and to parents of those who died in the service, including 290*l.* for the children of Rob. White and Col. Hen. Ferribosco, who was lately slain in the service;—order for a month's pay to the wives of those who are in Jamaica, and more to those who have received short of 8 months' pay; also the arrears of those who have died in the service, making a total of 1,500*l.*, discounting as usual $\frac{1}{3}$ for provisions; also 364*l.* 16*s.* to 8 sick and wounded or returned prisoners named; also 232*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* to 14 parents named; also 289*l.* 10*s.* to children. This order, with their respective acquittances, to be Hodge's discharge for the payments. Approved 29 January.

18. The Treasury Commissioners, according to powers granted by patent, to pay out of money remaining in the hands of Hum. Blake, Prize money Treasurer, 800*l.* to Fras. Hodges, Treasurer for Jamaica forces, and the remainder due on a Privy Seal for 1000*l.* towards several arrears for Jamaica service.

19–24. The Committee on America to consider the following petitions, state the arrears due, and report:—Geo. Seignior, of London, tailor, and administrator of his late son John; Kath. Haworth, for her late husband, killed in service at Jamaica; Hen. Middleton; John Hooke, deputy to the Commissary-General of Musters in Jamaica; Hen. Foss, brother and administrator of Thos. Foss, deceased in service in Jamaica; Clement Hildyard, concerning an assignation from Rich. Godfrey. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 677–683.]

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Whitehall.

President Lawrence to Thos. Cutler, Robt. Good, Wm. Stone, and other justices of peace for New Sarum. His Highness and Council have received a petition from John Edwards and others, late farmers of excise for co. Wilts, that they, having for the last year given the rent of 755*l.* more than ever was given for the said excise, have, for several offences, legally convicted Morris Green and 5 other brewers of New Sarum, and desired you and others to grant a warrant of distress against them, according to the late Proclamation of Parliament, which you have flatly refused to do, as appears by an affidavit annexed. They therefore order you to grant the warrant at once, and no more to obstruct the speedy collection of excise, which is a matter of the greatest moment; his Highness and Council signify their disapproval of your conduct, and demand the reason of your refusal. [*I.* 78, *p.* 878.]

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June 10. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers in co. Oxon. After serious consideration of your 2 letters concerning your proceedings in the case of Mr. Beesley, minister of Swerford, we conceive his ejectment to have been according to law, and desire you to proceed accordingly in execution of the Ordinance. [*I.* 78, *p.* 881.]

June 10. Instructions from his Highness to the Council in Scotland, for government of that nation.

The Council of Scotland being herewith appointed are to observe the following regulations:—

1. To repair at once to Scotland, study the state of the country, and consider how the peace and good government thereof may best be preserved.
2. To promote the preaching of the Gospel, and see that those concerned pay the various preachers thereof, whom they find pious and loyal, their stipends and arrears, and invest them with their rectories.
3. To have power to visit all universities, schools, &c., and suspend any statutes or persons whose action does not promote the good of the State, and propose fresh statutes and persons in their places. Also to remove any who are scandalous or insufficient, and appoint godly and learned persons in their place.
4. To see that none hold the office of magistrate who have been disabled by the petition and advice of the knights, citizens, and burgesses of Parliament, and if any do, to remove them.
5. To see that all proceedings in Courts of Justice are according to the laws of England, in order that the peaceful union of England and Scotland may be preserved, and if they find such cannot be done according to the powers and rules given to the judges, then to report such a case.
6. To certify the total of the Scotch revenue, with particulars of times of payment from lands, forfeitures, excise, customs, or yearly rents, and do the same once a year at least, and represent what might be done to improve the revenue.
7. To use effectual means to recover any part of the revenue concealed or detained, either Crown lands, bishops' or deans' lands, &c., or any other, and to see the excise on imports and exports duly collected and accounted for, and issued from the Exchequer according to order, without infringing on the 1,200*l.* for maintenance of ministers and schoolmasters in the Highlands.
8. To reduce all Crown lands illegally alienated from the State, and see the Ordinances in our several letters lately sent to the Exchequer Judges pursued.
9. To suggest some means to reduce the public expenses of the State in Scotland.
10. To have power to arrest or take security from any persons opposing the Government, or suspected of disloyalty, and

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to liberate them; also to remove from their residences any who shall be judged to be dangerous where they reside, send them into England, or allow them to return.

11. To consider some suitable reducement of public officers to such number as is absolutely necessary; and to have power by warrant to charge the Customs and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Excise money, with salaries of sequestration judges and other officers of justice; the rest of Customs' money, and all assessments and sequestration money, to be used for contingencies, except what is charged monthly for the forces in Scotland.

12. To have power to transport to English plantations abroad such enemies of the State who are in arms as are in their power.

13. To see that no Baptist holds any office of trust, nor practices at law, nor keeps a school.

14. To use or erect any printing presses they require, for public service in printing declarations, &c., and prohibit the use of such by others as they see cause.

15. To consider and report fit means to encourage the trade, commerce, and fisheries of the nation.

16. To ask and receive any help necessary from the Commander-in-Chief of Scotland and from civil magistrates for carrying out any of these instructions.

17. To appoint fit persons to be Customs' and Excise Commissioners, and to levy all fines, &c., ordered, and any other duties connected therewith, and empower them to collect customs, &c., according to the rates levied in England, making seizures, issuing warrants, and distraining for non-payment, appointing collectors and sub-commissioners and also commissioners for receiving appeals, but this not to prejudice the farm of excise in Scotland.

18. To cause the monthly assessment in Scotland to be levied and paid in according to the Act of Parliament.

19. The said Council to have power to execute all the above instructions. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 882–888.]

June 10. The Swiftsure, Downs.

99. Rear-Adm. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received with the packet for you commands from the General to sail immediately for Mardike, and should have left the Fame here, with instructions to give you an account of occurrences as occasion offered, but she being gone to Harwich, there is no vessel but the ketch that brought the packet, which is to wait for the first express to be sent over. The frigates with the soldiers are still in the Downs, also several vessels bound for Rouen and Caen, who desire a convoy. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

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100. Hum. Robinson to Williamson, the Hague. I have yours of the 7th from Frankfort, whether I sent you letters from Sir Ralph Hare. Our things from Paris had a disaster; you put letters between the 2 hats, and they were driven in to an obscure port in Sussex, which county they have been most jealous of. The

messenger was prisoner for a week, and at last got his goods, but no letters, so that I have no orders what to do with the things. All well at college. The provost is here, about Selden's library, but still finds obstruction. We always expected you would stay till convocation.

Sir H. Slingsby and Dr. Hewit are beheaded, and more under trial, but whether they will lose heads or estates is doubtful. The provost does not proceed doctor this act. Send us news, as you will see Flanders and Brabant as well as Holland. You have the advantage now that freedom is allowed us, when before a pass back and forwards cost 5*l.* Private affairs. [1 *page.*]

June 15. **101.** Petition of Katherine, widow of Jas. Leeke, maltster, of Chelsea, Rich. Bringest, Mat. Humphreys, and Lucretia Jefferies, widow, to the Protector. On 24 May 1653, Leeke lost his house, outhouses, and whole estate, and a great quantity of malt and barley, for which he was in debt to others, value 1945*l.* 12*s.*, to his undoing. The justices of peace examined and estimated the losses at this sum, which Leeke was unable to sustain, and the other petitioners lost 100*l.* at least. Beg a patent for a collection in London, Westminster, &c. With reference to Council, to give petitioners relief with the late sufferers by fire in London, 26 May 1655. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

101. I. *Certified by* 12 *justices of the peace to the truth of the petition, and the good character of the parties. Hicks' Hall,* 12 *July* 1653, *certified as a true copy,* 28 *June* 1654. [2 *pages.*]

101. II. *Lords Commissioners Whitelock and Lisle to* ——. *We commend this petition; the certificate of the justices was in our hands, but is accidentally lost. We were eye-witnesses of the fire, and therefore the more affected by it. We beg relief for the petitioners.* 12 *May* 1655, *Chelsea.* [1 *page.*]

June 15. Order thereon for a collection in London, Westminster, Middlesex, Sussex, Surrey, Kent, and Essex, for their relief. [*I.* 78, *p.* 685.]

102. Petition of Captain John Whalley to the Protector, for order to Lord Berkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, to release him on bail. Has ever dedicated himself to his Highness, and is deeply afflicted at the incident increasing his displeasure [*see* 8 *June* 1658]. Would submit to his confinement were he alone concerned, but he has newly entered into a condition wherein his suffering will as nearly become another's affliction as his own, and is anxious to avoid the unhappiness which a longer separation may produce. [1 *page.*]

June 15. Order on the petition of Philip, Earl of Chesterfield, and Capt. John Whalley that Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, and Sir Lislebone Long, Recorder of London, consider the business of the duel fought between them, examining witnesses on oath, bind over the parties and witnesses to appear to answer at the next quarter sessions, see that an indictment is prepared, and prosecution had thereon, and release the parties on fit recognizances. [*I.* 78, *p.* 687.]

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June 15. **103.** Petition of Walter Cowles to the Protector, for consideration of his case, having been debarred for 7 years from his fee farm rent of 40*s.* a year, and been at great charges about it, and not allowed either to distrain for his rent or to make a re-entry. Begs the rent and charges, or the whole money for the fee simple. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

103. I. *Extract from the patent by which King James granted the said lands,* 15 *May* 1618, *to John Grey and Ambrose Evans; and note that they lie in Lidney parish, adjoining the Forest of Dean, co. Gloucester.* [¾ *page.*]

June 15. Order thereon that Major Wade pay him the arrears of rent from the profits of the Forest of Dean, and that the same be allowed on his account. Approved 29 June. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 692, 725.]

June 15. **104.** Petition of William, Earl of Lothian, for self and others, to Council. We have borrowed for the public sums on our personal sureties, to be paid by the shires and burghs in Scotland [*see* 25 *April* 1656]. But we are pursued at law, and suits commenced before the judges; we beg you to require the judges to give us the relief provided by Acts of Parliament and the laws of Scotland. [⅔ *page.*]

June 15. Whitehall. Council to the Lords of Sessions or Commissioners for administration of justice in Scotland. We judge it equitable, on the above petition, that as the engagements were made for the public, the petitioners should have the benefit of all relief that can be lawfully afforded them, and for this we recommend them to you. [*I.* 78, *p.* 694.]

June 15. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

2. The report from the Committee on the instrument of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, of 4 March 1655–56, for severing the townships of East Haddesley, Templehurst, and Hurst Courtney, with belongings, from the parish church of Birkin, co. York, and making it a distinct parish, signifying that the patron and present incumbent approve, agreed to, and to be done accordingly. Approved by the Protector, 29 June.

4. A request for a pass for — Pinckney, returned from beyond seas, to go to Rutlandshire, referred to Desborow, Strickland, Wolsley, Jones, Skippon, and Mr. Secretary, whom Pinckney is to attend, and give an account of himself, when they are to report.

5. The petition of Benjamin de Lawne referred to Mr. Secretary, Jones, Strickland, Desborow, Wolsley, Skippon, and Lisle, to speak with the petitioner, the Customs' Commissioners and others, and report.

7. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 500*l.* for Kinnersley to provide for the entertainment of the public minister coming from France, and his retinue.

8. Rich. Collins, Treasurer for the late extraordinary tax for co. Surrey, who is reported to have 90*l.* remaining of that money, to pay it to Capt. Freeman, captain of the militia troop in that county, on account for his pay, and in consideration of his great trouble in

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his Highness' service, occasioned by the traitorous designs lately acting by persons there. Approved 29 June.

9. The report from the Committee on Robt. Parkhurst's petition referred to the same committee, to reconsider and report.

11. On report from the Committee on the petition of the City of Edinburgh, of a draft of a by-law made by the representatives of the full community of the city, laying a tax of 4*d.*, Scotch, on every pint of ale or beer sold in the city, from August 1 next, towards satifying the public debt of 54,761*l.*, owing by the city, referred to Scotch Committee, to consider in what form approbation should be given, and prepare a draft thereof, and also of a letter to the Council in Scotland, to take care that such approbation may not be used to countenance any unfit proceedings, and to report on both.

14. The petition of Wm. Piccard, woolwinder, of Tamworth, co. Stafford, concerning abuses practised in winding and folding wool, notwithstanding Acts of Parliament against such, referred (according to the purport of a reference from his Highness) to Mr. Attorney General, to prepare a draft proclamation for executing several statutes made for due winding and folding of wool, and appointing honest and skilful men to be folders and winders, and do other things to prevent the said deceitful practices, and encourage trade, and to offer them to Council, that they may present them to his Highness.

15, 16. On a representation of the Commissioners for excise of ale and beer, for London, Middlesex, and Surrey, shewing the obstructions therein made by Oliver Vaughan, a brewer, in Old-street, who owes 1000*l.*, for payment whereof they have a warrant from the Commissioners for Appeals to take up his coppers, and seize his brewing vessels and goods, but their officers have been opposed since last Friday in executing that duty, by Lord Pride's commanding an officer of his to prevent the execution, according to a letter to Lieut. Giles and his other officers ;—order that the officer and guard be immediately removed, and Giles attend a Committee of Council to give reason for his proceedings, and that Lord Pride speak with the said committee this afternoon.

17. Fleetwood, Desborow, Skippon, Mr. Comptroller, Wolsley, Lisle, Strickland, Mr. Secretary, and Sydenham, to be the said committee.

26. The Treasury Commissioners' report on the case of Lady Anne, relict of Sir Francis Bassett read.

27. Approval of the union proposed by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, by order of March 26, 1658, between Stratton Michael parish and Thurston parish, both in co. Norfolk. Approved by the Protector 29 June.

30. A draft order for the better issuing and disposing of the 3rd 6 months' assessment, beginning 24 June 1658, read, approved, and to be sent up to his Highness. Approved 26 June.

31, 32. The petition of Lewis de Gaud, Lord of Brachey and Romecaur read, and recommitted to the Committee of Council on petition of John Warre, agent for Philip Lord Jones' late regiment.

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to consider the draft order pronounced 8 June, and report such amendments as they judge meet.

32. Order on report from the Committee on the case of the Charity, referred to them on June 10,—that the Admiralty Judges examine the matter, and if they find it as stated in the petition, order immediate restitution of the ship and goods. Approved 29 June. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 685–694.]

June 15. Order in Council that, considering the way appointed for bringing in the assessments, and that on account of the need of present supply, the money should not be brought in to Guildhall before its payment in the counties, the Army Committee are empowered to arrange its speedy and effectual bringing in, and to act as before for its payment in the counties, all sums so paid to be considered as part of the 210,000*l.* for the forces, and Blackwell and Deane, acknowledging receipt thereof as Treasurers at war, to be discharged therefrom as Receivers general. [*I.* 78, *p.* 889.]

June 16.
Weymouth.

105. Capt. Geo. Pley to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have waited for an opportunity to ship off 25 ballots of sailcloth, now in store, but none of the State's ships bound for the Downs have stopped here lately, and I have forborne sending it by any other conveyance, in regard of the danger. I am sorry that our own country manufacture, which was in so fair a way to be improved, should be so suddenly let fall without a cause, and it has much troubled me; not for the advantage I might have by it, for I value it not, but for the loss that may come to the public by it. Mr. Tyler on survey, said it fell short in goodness of the first pattern; as you have that, I cannot compare it here, but I am confident that that which Jno. Giles makes, which is marked II., would be found otherwise if it were viewed by an impartial man, which Mr. Tyler is not, for since you have dealt in the commodity, he has solicited Mr. Giles, the chief sailcloth maker, to furnish him with a quantity, and with what he can make at the price you give. It is unworthy of him to seek to withdraw one that furnishes the State. He must know that this is the only man free to dispose of his goods to you, all the others being under bond to furnish what they make to Mr. Boswell, of Bristol, which makes me jealous they had a design to get this away also, as you may see by a letter inclosed.

What is worse if true is that Mr. Giles told Capt. Hatsell and myself that Tyler told a brother of his, resident in London, that he would desire his brother not to forsake the Bristol men, who were his ancient dealers, to furnish the State, alleging that though the Commissioners were hot upon it at first, they would quickly decline it; which discourse he says his brother wrote from London by way of advice, which, if it be true, was unworthy of Tyler. [1 *page.*]

June 17. **106.** Petition of Bethiah, widow of Rob. Abbott, citizen and scrivener of London, to the Protector. Rented 2 brewhouses and brewing vessels to Oliver Vaughan, brewer, at 200*l.* a year, but the farmers of excise, by an order from the Commissioners of Appeal,

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have seized Vaughan's goods, and with them the vessels, &c., value 1,500*l.* Begs restoration thereof, being willing to let the brew-houses to any other who will comply with the farmers. [1 *page.*]

June 17. Note of its reading in Council, but no order thereon. [*I.* 77, *p.* 702.]

June 17. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. To advise confirmation of the contract presented by the Committee for Customs and Excise, with Francis Downham, draper of London, for lease of the impost on ale, &c., in cos. Leicester, Northampton, and Rutland, from 25 March for 3 years, at 8,600*l.* a year.

2. Approval by the Protector of an order of 6 June reported on the petition of John Warre.

3. Mr. Comptroller reports his Highness's pleasure to add to the said order a clause for a debenture of 65*l.* 17*s.* from fee farm rents to Maurice Bedwell, chaplain in co. Hereford of Col. Birch's regiment, and since of Col. John Humphreys', granting him a doubled bill on delivering up the indenture, to be spent in purchase of fee-farm rents to be discovered by him.

4. Order on report from the Committee on a fit settlement for Dr. Ward's augmentation of 50*l.*, recommended to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers 22 Oct. 1657, and a further addition of 30*l.* recommended 29 Oct., to advise the said Trustees to settle on Seth Ward, D.D., as professor of mathematics in Oxford University, an augmentation of 80*l.* from 7 Oct. last, to be paid as the other augmentations in the University. Approved 29 June.

5. The petition and appeal of divers deputies, gaugers, and surveyors, acting by commission from Hen. Wansey and Jerome Bodley, sub-Commissioners for Excise in cos. Hereford, Worcester, and Salop, concerning obstructions in collection caused by default of the justices of peace, referred to Desborow, Sydenham, Fleetwood, Mr. Secretary, Mr. Comptroller, and Strickland, to speak with the petitioners, and report.

7. Sydenham, Fleetwood, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, Mr. Comptroller, and Strickland to consider fit security to be offered out of the revenue to borrow 10,000*l.* for 6 months for State uses, and report.

8. Robert Lord Tichburne and Christopher Lord Pack, joined to Lord Barkstead and the Recorder, to examine into the duel between the Earl of Chesterfield and Capt. Whalley. Also, after the said parties have entered into recognizances, with good security, to appear before the next quarter sessions, Barkstead is to set them at liberty from the Tower.

9. A note of the names of witnesses now offered in that matter to be transmitted to the justices of peace to whom the matter is referred for examination.

10. The petition of Col. Thos. Pride, Lieut.-Col. Rich. Elton, Maj. Moses Meare, Capt. Thos. Constable, Lord Edw. Vane, and other members of the ancient society for exercising arms in the military

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ground, referred to Lords Whalley, Goffe, Cooper, Berry, Lieut.-Col. Sagoe, Col. Mills, and Maj.-Gen. Hezekiah Haynes, to report.

11. The petition of Sir James Hope, for William, Earl Marshal of Scotland, read, and not committed.

13. Order on a letter from Edw. Cooke, surgeon at Dover to wounded soldiers from Flanders—

(1.) That Council approves his using the rugs intended for Mardike for the sick and wounded soldiers at Dover.

(2.) That the surgeons have 4*s.* a day, and the surgeons' mates 2*s.*

(3.) That the Mayor of Dover pay them from money ordered him for wounded soldiers there, and that the Mardike Committee consider a further allowance to that end.

(4.) That the same Committee consider and order fit clothes to be sent to Dover for the men.

14. Order on information that a cause is to be heard to-morrow before the Commissioners for removing Obstructions in sale of lands, that Serjts. Earle and Maynard, his Highness's counsel learned, attend the hearing in the State's interest; some of the Trustees for the estates to attend them with full instructions in the case.

15. The said Commissioners for removing Obstructions to give notice to the Treasury Commissioners of all causes arising which concern specially the revenue and interest of the State.

17. Order to advise that the 400*l.* ordered to the Commissioners and 100*l.* to the Receivers on the Act for new buildings be distributed by them as they think meet to those employed under them, and that the said sums be paid without fees.

18. The petition of Rich. Higginson, citizen of London, referred to Fleetwood, Skippon, Rous, Wolsley, Jones, Strickland, Mr. Secretary, and Sydenham, to consult the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, and report.

20, 21. The Commissioners for Ely House and Savoy Hospital to take the same care for relatives of soldiers dying in his Highness's service in Flanders as in England, and specially to consider the case of Barbara, widow of Serjt. Huntley, who died at Mardike. Also the case of the widow of Capt. ———, who died in Flanders.

22. On report from the Committee for examining persons in London about the late treasonable designs there, of several examinations taken, with an abstract of particular charges against 7 persons, against whom proofs are offered, *viz.*, John Betteley, Hen. Fryer, Edm. Stacey, John Sumner, Wm. Carrent, Oliver Allen, and Ed. Ashton;—order to advise their trial by the Commissioners for security of his Highness's person. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 695–703.]

June 18.
The London, Downs.

107. Capt. Wm. Whitehorne to the Admiralty Commissioners. Having received orders from Lord Montague on the 16th inst. to repair to the Downs, and command in chief there until further order, I arrived there the 18th, and brought over two French gentlemen, who were sent over to his Highness from the King of France. I will not now give an account of the surrender of Dunkirk last Tuesday to

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the English and French, but the next day the King of France caused the keys of that place to be delivered to Lord Lockhart, for the use of his Highness. I was in Dunkirk last Wednesday, and found the town had not suffered much damage, neither were they in want of provisions, and the inhabitants seemed very well contented that the English forces are to keep it.

The Essex is in the Downs, waiting to transport some persons of quality to France, and a company of foot is waiting at Deal to be transported to Mardike, but there is not a vessel at present to do it, nor have I any command for it; on the contrary, order has been formally sent that the soldiers for Mardike should be stopped.

P.S.—The Pembroke has arrived, the fishing being over, also the Amity. A Hollander passed through for London from Cadiz a month since, and reports that there were then 60 sail ready to go for the West Indies, 24 whereof belonged to the King of Spain. [1 *page.*]

June 18. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish, Ambassador at Constantinople. We have written you an account of the Morea joint stock, and hope you have sent commands for the consul's establishment there. By your letters we note the obstacles to your attempts to recover the ship Resolution. You ask if his Highness and we were misinformed as to the value of the lading, and the number of men taken prisoners. It is strange there should be such a difference, but it is rectified by a more exact account sent you by the owners. You are to act on this, and acknowledge that a mistake arose on the first rumour, rather than insist on unjust demands, which his Highness never intended.

As to the style of your letters, we think, considering that the Venetian fleet has been successful, and our own has made some noise in those seas, peremptory language (though unusual) might promote the design; but if you, who are nearer, differ from us, you can make a difference in the translation of the letters. We wish you success, for the sake of the owners of the ship, and especially the miserable captives.

We have ordered Mr. Longland to secure the Grand Seignior's goods taken by Capt. Ell, and hope we have merited indemnity by our pains to content those people.

Thanks for your care about the release of the Hopeful Employment's men, the Arabian horses, and Aleppo. We hope freedom from future disputes about double custom, having now procured a Hogget.

We think the transgression by private persons of the prohibition about fruit and cute is dangerous not only to them but to the Company. If you think toleration may be had, and the commodities be exported without hazard, pray obtain a general command, that all the Company may have equal liberty to deal therein. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 307, 308.]

June 18. London. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton, consul at Smyrna. We are sorry our proposed remedy for the extreme abuses in raw silk proves so ineffectual, and we must consider your reasons thereon.

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We are sorry for the difficulties about recovery of the Resolution, especially as we intend to make full restitution of the goods seized by Capt. Ell, and so shame these people out of their injustice. The ill effects of Ell's action appear in the barbarous treatment of the consul, and the disturbance to ships and trade at Alexandria.

We approve your providence in securing the ships in port by their riding without the Point till fully laden. We hope that you will take all care to avoid danger by that new fort; also that the fleet now in the Straits will encourage trade and prevent mischief by sea rovers, if not totally suppress them. The Company allows you 1,000 dollars gratuity for one of the years 1651 and 1654, in which no gratuities were paid, there being so little trade. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 309.]

June 21. London. **108.** T. L. [Thos. Lamplugh] to Williamson. One motive of my coming to London was a hope to meet you. When you arrive, let me see you soon in Oxford. After your admission you can take liberty to order your affairs with Mr. Leigh, and so to settle in college. I have some gentlemen's sons in reserve for you. [½ *page.*]

June 22. **109.** Petition of Sir William Walter, Bart., of Sarsden, co. Oxon, to the Protector. Being bound with sureties to keep the peace, according to the general order for compounders, I was summoned by Major Crook to Oxford, and made prisoner under the marshal's custody. I went on Sunday, 6 June, to Carfax church, and was placed where the mayor and aldermen sit. After service, Sir Ant. Cope, Bart., of Tangley, came up and said to me—" Sir Wm. Walter, if I were not a good Christian, I would cudgel you; you are an unworthy fellow." I made no reply, but appeal to you for relief. [1 *page.*]

June 22. Order in Council for a warrant to the Serjeant-at-arms to take Cope into custody, and bring him before Council. [*I.* 78, *p.* 705.]

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1. Order to advise 30*l.* more, in addition to 3 sums of 20*l.* already ordered, to be added to the 150*l.* ordered 26 May 1657, for 2 stories to be designed in tapestry by the workmen at Mortlake.

2. Order on report from the Committee on Hen. Henn's petition, that the Lord Chamberlain and Wolsley attend his Highness to hear his pleasure herein, and report it to Council.

3. Approval of the order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers for an augmentation of 2*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* to Thos. Weld, minister of Gateshead, co. Durham. Approved by the Protector 29 June.

4. On certificate from Robt. Fenwicke, Hen. Ogle, Jn. Topping, governor of Tynemouth, concerning the government of Gateshead, made on an order of 6 April, as it appears that 24 persons of Gateshead, named in the petition, are disabled from holding any offices of public trust, and guilty of profanity and other crimes;—

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order that the said 24 be discharged from exercising power there and the following 24 appointed in their place, *viz.*:—

Thos. Weld.	Lawr. Foster.
Jn. London.	Neh. Church.
Wm. London.	Rich. Hopper.
Jn. Partridge.	Wm. Bell.
Edw. Spencer.	Jn. Clarke.
Wm. Webster.	Robt. Jackson.
Thos. Henderson.	Simon Thursby.
Chris. Sanderson.	Fras. Collingson.
Chas. Middleton.	Chris. Gibson.
John Bedford.	Chas. Grove.
Thos. Jeffrey.	Jn. Willoughby.
Abr. Smith.	Rich. Reachie.

7. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an uagmentation of 50*l.* on Mr. Porter, minister of Pentridge, co. Derby. Approved 29 June.

8. The petition of John Harrison concerning an arrear of 20*l.* a year settled on him by Ordinance of Parliament as a servant of the late King's children, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

9. The petition of Edm. Jones, Attorney-General for South Wales, concerning a lease of pre-fines and post-fines in cos. Denbigh and Montgomery, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to treat with Jones about the lease at fit rates.

10. On petition of Hen. Woolaston, keeper of Newgate prison, that he has made several discoveries of sums due to the State, and request for allowance of a moiety, as ordered him 4 November 1656, towards his disbursements for prisoners and public faith bills;——order to advise a warrant to pay him 721*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* disbursements, and 94*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* public faith bills, with interest, out of ½ his said discoveries.

12. On report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Capt. John Green, that there is 28*l.* 14*s.* due to him for provisions delivered at Jamaica, and 17*l.* 10*s.* for 3 extra passengers, total 46*l.* 4*s.*;—order to advise a warrant to Frost to pay him the 46*l.* 4*s.* from Council's contingencies, taking up his bills of exchange from Lieut.-Gen. Brayne.

13. The petition of Sir Jas. Hope, in the right of Mary Keith, now his wife, eldest daughter of William, Earl Marshal of Scotland,—shewing that by the Act of favour to the people of Scotland, 200*l.* a year is granted her from her father's lands, but has not been received in full, as the lands are in the State's hands for non-payment of his fine, and praying for payment of what is due by the Trustees in Scotland from money they have received from his estates,—referred to the Council in Scotland, to give fit order.

14. Order on information that a commission of bankruptcy is sued out against Rich. Burt for shipping away goods to defraud Thos. Salmon and other creditors [*see* 31 *Dec.* 1657 *and* 5 *Jan.* 1657–58], and that Salmon's proportion of the money arising from

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the estate is payable to Col. Twistleton, for his regiment; that the Treasury Commissioners act as they think fit about a letter requested to Jos. Blackwell, treasurer to the moneys coming in from the estate, to quicken the getting in of the moneys.

15. Order that the said Commissioners show Salmon favour as to the time of paying in the residue of the money due on his account as collector of assessments.

16. The petition of Thos. Careless referred to Jones, Fleetwood, Lisle, Lord Chamberlain, and Strickland, to report.

18. Order on reading the articles exhibited against Peter Heylin, D.D., and his lately published book, called "Respondet Petrus," that Sydenham, Fleetwood, Wolsley, Jones, Lord Chamberlain, Lisle, and Mr. Secretary read the book, see if it warrants the articles, and report. Also that they consider the book lately published concerning polygamy, and those lately published by Wm. Saunderson and Mr. Harrington, and report.

19. The draft warrant for executing the Acts against unlicensed books, &c., read, approved, and to be sent up to his Highness.

21. Fleetwood, Wolsley, Lord Chamberlain, Jones, Desborow, Lisle, and Strickland to consider fit persons to be added for licensing books, and report their names.

22. **110.** Thos. Collins, of Chichester, to pay to Wm. Freeman, captain of a militia troop in Sussex, 90*l.* of the money received by himfrom Thos. Shephard, of Horsham, for his expense in particular services. Receipted by Freeman, 23 July.

23. Whereas Capt. Rich. Pechell, as executor of Major Bethell, was ordered on 8 June a doubled bill for 607*l.* 18*s.* for purchase of Dean and Chapter lands, and Council is informed that there can be no further sums doubled on those lands, but payment must be in ready money;—order that on his purchasing lands to that amount the treasurers of that receipt be authorized to pay the 607*l.* 18*s.* into the Exchequer, and then the Treasury Commissioners to pay petitioner the money, on the delivery of his bill for his arrears. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 704–713.]

June 22.
Whitehall.

The Protector to the master and wardens of the Stationers' Company, and to Hen. Hills and John Field, printers. Whereas many good statutes have been made against the publishing unlicensed, scandalous, and seditious books, to prevent the designs of the ill-affected, who are continually writing and dispersing dangerous, blasphemous, and Popish pamphlets, books, and papers; —as it concerns the public peace to have these laws duly executed, we, having had good experience of your care therein, commit to you the execution of the said Acts, and authorize you to put into execution the Acts of 14 June 1643, 28 Sept. 1647, 20 Sept. 1649, and 7 January 1652–3; with right of search and writ of assistance. Any who oppose you to be brought before the Lord Mayor and ustices of peace. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 709–711.]

June 22.
Bideford.

111. Thos. Beal, Mayor, and 12 Alderman to the Admiralty Commissioners. On 6 April last we addressed you on behalf of

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Jno. Greg and 8 other seamen named, belonging to Bideford, who were taken at sea 9 months since, and cast into prison in the town of Alareda in Biscay, where they have remained ever since in want and misery, whereupon you sent an order to Capt. Hen. Hatsell for setting free as many prisoners from Plymouth belonging to Alareda, as would exchange the above, but there were none there belonging to Alareda; and although he would have released the like number belonging to other places in Biscay, on their parole, they would not engage it, being confident that some of Alareda were prisoners in or about London, and presuming that until they were set at liberty, the Englishmen would not be.

We thank you for granting this former order, which Capt. Hatsell greatly desired to observe, and as the Almighty has been so graciously pleased to own his Highness's forces in Flanders, by their and their associates' late victory before Dunkirk, and by giving so many of his Highness's enemies into their hands, we esteem it a very high mercy to the nation, and calling for suitable praises, and look on it as a special providence to the poor captives of this nation who have lain long in Spanish prisons and restraint. This late victory, giving opportunity for their liberty, has emboldened us to renew our former petition on behalf of those 9 Englishmen in prison in Alareda, which, if granted, will be a very great engagement on these towns. [2 *pages*, 13 *signatures*.]

June 22. The Elizabeth, Elsinore.

112. Capt. Robt. Colman to the Admiralty Commissioners. I hope you received my last letter from Copenhagen; since then I have been to Stralsund, and transported Lord Freizendorp's lady to Elsinore, and am now waiting for a wind to go to Gottenburg, whence I will convoy all ships bound for England and call at Easterice, where a general meeting is appointed of all the Norway ships, and then make what expedition I can for England. [1 *page*.]

June 22. The Speaker, Margate Road.

113. Vice-Adm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I am about to sail to Woolwich to clean and refit, by order of Lord Montague, and if it is intended to pay the ship off, I desire speedy notice, so that the pay books may be prepared. Being on shore yesterday at Lord Ambassador Lockhart's quarters in Dunkirk, I heard that the surrender of Bergen was confirmed, and that the military party are prisoners of war. The French King being ill with a fever, the Court removed yesterday to Calais for the present. Lord Montague intends sailing for the Downs to-morrow. [1 *page*.]

June 23.

114–116. Petition of John Lineall, minister at Castlechurch, near Stafford, to the Protector. I have been curate 37 years, and been painful to draw souls to God, only receiving 8*l.* a year out of the Exchequer, though the tithes and glebe lands are worth 100*l.*, and I have to hire a house in Stafford, and my salary is now 1¼ years, being 10*l.*, in arrears. I am 70 years old, my wife 60, and we have had many children to maintain; I beg payment, or I cannot subsist. With reference to the Treasury Commissioners, 26 Feb. 1657–58, to order or certify; their report 26 May that 8*l.* was paid the minister from 2 Edward VI. to 1650, when the revenue was sold; and that on

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21 Jan. 1656–57 his Highness ordered the petitioner 20*l.* for 2½ years, which was paid Michaelmas 1656; certificate thereon by Auditor Rich. Sadler, 7 May 1658; and further reference 23 June to Council. [2 *papers and parchment.*]

June 23. **117.** Certificate of the issues of jurors answered by the sheriffs of the counties of South Wales, before Wm. Hill, auditor of Wales, for the year ending Michaelmas 1657, on order from the Treasury Commissioners, total 144*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*, which was paid to John Nicholas, receiver of the revenue. With like account from North Wales; total 82*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* Signed by Wm. Hill. [1½ *pages.*]

June 23. St. Sebastian's. **118.** Thos. Holder to Capt. Rich. Beach, prisoner at Plymouth. I am sorry for your misfortune, which I hope will not continue long, and wish you patience in it. When I heard of it, I was in treaty to have power to dispose of Wm. Maple, Commander of the Philip, of 180 tons, 16 guns and 32 men, and of John Vincent, Commander of the Young Prince, a junk of 200 tons, 10 guns and 15 men, both belonging to London; also of Wm. Hale, Commander of the Society of Bristol, of 200 tons, 14 guns, and 26 men, of Samuel Enys, servant to Capt. Maple, and of 50 more of their men, all prisoners at Alicant, and taken 4 months since by the St. Antoine, a frigate of Majorca, as also for the release of Capts. Smith and Jordan, Mr. Brice, and others. Now my care is as much for you, and those that miscarried with you, as for the others formerly taken.

The first thing I think will be to send one of those at Alicant on parole to solicit the exchange, which shall be done as speedily as a thing at that distance from me can be brought about; meantime be sure that whatever usage you meet with in England, they at Alicant and all others that shall fall into our hands shall find the same. Besides those at Alicant now to be propounded in exchange, there are others formerly sent on parole for Capts. Smith and Jordan, Mr. Brice, &c., so that I hope there will be enough to clear all of our party at present under restraint, either in Plymouth, Exeter, Cork, or Dublin, in which two last places several of our party have long lain.

During this unfortunate war, if there might be a just course taken, which for my part is desired for regulating the exchange of prisoners on both sides, by appointing commissioners respectively for that purpose by each party, I shall be glad, as it is in itself a thing most consentaneous to charity and justice, and will be of no little comfort and easement to all such on either side as, by the fortune of war, shall become prisoners; but until this be done, as we are dealt with, so it must be our rule to deal with others. [1 *page.*]

June 23. St. Sebastian's. **119.** Thos. Holder to Capt. Jas. Smith, prisoner at Plymouth. Since my last to you of the 18th by Mr. Pearce, I have received a letter from the friend I employed in the business of Majorca, who tells me that Capts. Hare, Cade, Paine, and all prisoners in Majorca are set at liberty, and embarked for Italy and France five weeks since; and though it is not expressed in their enlargement that there is anything therein done in relation to your liberties, yet

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as it happened, my friend contributed somewhat to it. Since they are set at liberty without condition for exchange of others for them, there is much to be said in equity that you should have some benefit from it. I mean yourself, Capt. Jordan, Mr. Brice, &c. I will also be content to free Mr. Mors and Isaac Bowles of their paroles for you, as also Anth. Maynard of his for Mr. Brice, and Mr. Jordan will free Mr. Pearce of the engagement for his brother. I hope your liberty will be obtained by this means. My care must extend to others imprisoned, both in England and Ireland, some being of long standing, and others lately taken with Capt. Beach, to whom I have now written. I have omitted no movement for your service, and shall be glad of any occasion that may manifest my respects towards you. [1¼ *page.*]

June 24. **120.** Petition of Fras. Thomson and Ste. Kirk to the Privy Council, for aid. A warrant has lately been issued by the Commissioners for Appeals in Excise cases, to distrain the goods, &c., of Wm. Horne, brewer, who has not paid his excise for 32 weeks, and we ordered our officers to execute it, but they were opposed by Capt. Browne. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

120. I. *Certificate by the said officers that Capt. Browne forced an entrance with his whole company into Horne's house, in Giles's-in-the-fields, said he cared not a pin for their warrant, and refused to allow Horne's goods to be carried out.* 22 *June* 1658. [1 *page.*]

June 24. Reference thereon to Fleetwood, Desborow, Strickland, Sydenham, Jones, Mr. Secretary, Wolsley, and Lisle, to examine, send for such persons as they think fit, and report. Capt. Browne and the other officers concerned to attend the said Commissioners at 3 p.m. [*I.* 78, *p.* 716.]

June 24. **121, 122.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Sadlington to the Protector. Having letters of reprizal against the Spaniards, I met at the Canaries the Spanish West Indian fleet, and gave speedy intelligence to Gen. Blake, leaving my own design to get to our fleet that lay off Cadiz. I was forced to call at the Madeiras for 120*l.* worth of provisions, and then I reached Blake, and gave him a full account of how the fleet lay at anchor. That night he steered towards the Canaries, and next day called a council of war, taking me with him, and promising I should be no loser. I returned with him to Logas Bay, off Portugal, and there left him. I beg consideration for my expenses and time. With reference, 7 May 1658, to the Admiralty Commissioners, to certify what should be given him for his service; their report, 27 May, that 100*l.* from Council's contingencies would be a fit reward, and second reference 29 May to Privy Council. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

122. I. *Certificate by Maj. John Bourne and Capts. Rich. Stayner, Rob. Clark, and Jonas Poole, commanders under Blake, to the truth of the petition, and that they found the Spanish fleet in Santa Cruz Road, island of Teneriffe.* [⅔ *page.*]

June 24. Order in Council for payment accordingly. [*I.* 78, *p.* 718.]

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1. Order adopting the report from the Committee on "Respondet Petrus," by Peter Heylin, that it should be referred to the Lord Mayor of London, and the justices of peace for Westminster and Middlesex, to proceed therein according to law.

2. **123.** The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a fit ship to convoy the fishing fleet to Newfoundland.

3. Order on petition of Thomas Wareing, merchant of London, for Goosnargh parish, co. Lancaster,—that it is large and poor, and the 100*l.* formerly allowed is now taken off,—to recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* on it. Approved 29 June.

4. All reports in future from Committees in Council to be offered in writing, and brought in by one of the committee, who is not to report till the draft has been shewn to the committee and by them voted, and then the report shall be read in Council.

5, 6. Desborow presents a report from the Committee on the petition and appeal of divers deputies, gagers, and surveyors of excise, and also a draft letter for the justices of peace, which was approved, and to be sent to the several justices, for better improvement of the revenue [*see next page*].

7. To desire Col. Wroth Rogers, governor of Hereford and justice of peace, to give his best assistance and encouragement to the collectors of ale excise, and quicken the other justices in like efforts.

8. The Army Committee to order the War Treasurers to advance a month's pay to the horse regiments of Lords Fleetwood and Falconbridge, on account of their great arrears, and because they have just come up from the country, and are now on the guard at London, any former order notwithstanding. Approved 29 June.

9, 10. The petition of the widow of Capt. Bennett, who was killed at Branford fight, referred to Mr. Comptroller, Desborow, Wolsley, Sydenham, and Fleetwood, to report; also that of Susan, daughter and administrator of Peter Smart, late prebend of Durham.

11. The Mardike Committee to agree with Mr. Gauden for providing and sending, at fit rates, to the garrison at Mardike, one month's provision of biscuits, cheese, and butter, for 4000 men, at 1lb. biscuit, ½lb. cheese, and ¼lb. butter a day, for each man. Approved 29 May.

12. Maj. Bourne to provide and send to Dunkirk 2000 palisadoes, 12 feet long.

13. A letter from the mayor and aldermen of Gloucester, of June 21, 1658, and a petition of the inhabitants of Woolston, Barnwood, Huttlecoat, Brockworth, Great Witcombe, and Badgworth, co. Gloucester, lying on London Road, read.

14. Order on testimonial from Mr. Wm. Bridge, concerning Fras. Helin's fitness to be sent to preach in Ireland, that the War Treasurers advance him 50*l.* by bills of exchange on Ireland, out of the money for forces in Ireland. Approved 29 June.

15. The Army Committee to issue warrants to the War Treasurers to pay 700*l.* to Col. Guibon's foot regiment. Approved 29 June.

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16. The Commissioners for Ely House and Savoy Hospital to relieve soldiers disabled at Mardike, and the widows and orphans of the slain, and especially Barbara Huntley.

18. Whereas on 15 June, for better transmission of moneys collected for the distressed Protestant churches of Poland, and 20 families of Bohemia, it was agreed between Sam. Hartman and Paul Cyrillus, agents for the churches, and Fredericus Krettechmarus, agent for the families, that 400*l.* should be paid to the families, and 50*l.* to their agent, and the whole remainder to the Poland exiles, allowing their agents their charges, and the sub-commissioners request the approval thereof by Council, and orders for payment of the said 450*l.* and the remainder of the moneys accordingly:—order approving thereof, and the payments to be made as requested.

20. Order on report of the petition of John Owsley [*see* 20 *May* 1658] that if he be presented to any other living than that of Cleypoole, from which he was ejected, the Commitee for Approbation of Ministers admit him, in case they find him qualified, the former ejectment notwithstanding. Approved 29 June. *Annexing,*

124. *Report alluded to by Wolsley and Jones.* 22 *June* 1658. [1 *page.*]

22. The petition of Sir Jas. Hope, for confirmation of privileges and exemptions alleged to have been granted to him and his predecessors, for their encouragement in prosecuting certain mines called the Lead Hill in Scotland, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 713–719.]

June 25.
Whitehall.

President Lawrence to Wm. Mumford, bailiff of Kidderminster, and justice of peace for co. Worcester. The sub-commissioners for collecting excise on ale, &c., within your county, have complained of great hindrance in collection of their duty, by the backwardness of some justices of peace in putting in execution the laws for getting in that branch of the revenue, especially in omissions to convict defaulters. As the matter is of great public concernment, and you hold a public office, his Highness and Council resent your departure from duty, and require your vigorous efforts to get in the said revenue, whereof a strict account will be expected. With note of like letters to John Solley, bailiff of Bewdley, and Rich. Greves, co. Worcester; Rich. Jones and Thos. Payne bailiffs of Oswestry, Sir Hum. Briggs, Mich. Stephens, and Thos. Howell, of Much Wenlock, John Young, Wm. Cotton, Rob. Clive, and Thos. Lockhart, all of co. Salop, Thos. Paynard, mayor, and Thos. Seaburne, of Hereford, the bailiff of Leominster, — Botterill, and — Woodgate, all of co. Hereford. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 714, 890, 891.]

June 25.
Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to Sir Rich. Chiverton, Lord Mayor of London. Council having received complaints concerning a book called "Respondet Petrus," or the answer of Peter Heylyn, D.D., to so much of Dr. Bernard's book called "The Judgment of the late Primate of Ireland in the point of the Sabbath," and finding a provision is

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made by an Ordinance of the Lords and Commons of 6 April 1644, concerning all books against the morality of the fourth Commandment, they desire you to proceed concerning the saidbook according to law. With note of like letter *mutatis mutandis* to the justices of peace in Middlesex and Westminster, directed to Sir Wm. Wheeler and the other justices of peace. [*I.* 78, *p.* 892.]

June 25. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the President and Council in Scotland. On the petition of Lord Montgomery, Council have made the enclosed order, on which they desire you to proceed. [*I.* 78, *p.* 893.]

June 26. Approval by the Protector of an order of 15 June. [*I.* 78, *p.* 719.]

June 29. **125.** Petition of a church in Exeter, whereof Lewis Stukeley is pastor, to the Protector and Council. Sir John Copleston and Fras. Rolle, patrons of Sidwell and David's parish churches, are willing to present Increase Mather and Thos. Powell, men eminent for holiness, ability, and faithfulness, but the parishes have not together more than 50*l.* maintenance. We beg augmentation, that they may be encouraged to come and preach the Gospel. [1 *sheet.*]

June 29. Order thereon to recommend them to the Trustees for Ministers for augmentation. Approved 29 June. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 719, 725.]

June 29. **126.** Petition of Ludovick Lambermont de Bourgongne, Esq., M.D. of Oxford, to the Protector. I have been employed by this State 7 years, both here and abroad, against the common enemies, served faithfully at great expense, and hazarded my life, but received no reward.

There used to be a physician in the Tower for sick soldiers, and though the office has long been vacant, it is useful. I beg to have it, as a reward for my services. With reference to Council, 7 June 1658. [1 *page.*]

June 29. Note of the reading of the petition in Council, but no order. [*I.* 78, *p.* 720.]

June 29. **127.** Petition of several officers attending Council to Council. Thanks for your providing for our maintenance by warrants on Mr. Frost, so that we are saved great Exchequer fees, but we are 3 quarters behind, both in salaries and bills, so that we are much in debt; after much application, the Treasury Commissioners have only ordered us 1,500*l.*, which will not be 20*l.* a piece to the messengers, they having 150*l.* due. We beg quarterly Privy Seals for our payment, and a warrant to Mr. Frost to distribute them, so that we may be freed from obstructions at the Exchequer, being obliged to trouble you with petitions, when we know the officers of the Treasury, Customs, Excise, &c., are paid. Signed by E. Dendy, Wm. Symball, Rich. Nutt, and 16 others. [1 *page.*]

June 29. Reference thereon to Desborow, Sydenham, Mr. Comptroller, and Mr. Secretary; to see which of the sums mentioned to-day as owing to his Highness can be got in, and how the above arrears may best be satisfied. [*I.* 78, *p.* 722.]

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2. Order on petition of Sir James Hope for the Earl Marshal of Scotland,—shewing that Dunnottar Castle, his inheritance, is now garrisoned by the State, and is considered so useful as to be indispensible, but that the Earl has no other means of discharging his fine except the profits from, or sale of the castle,—to write to Gen. Monk, to consider the usefulness of the castle, and have it surveyed and appraised.

4. **128.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order delivery from the Ordnance office of 40 muskets, 20 pikes, and 200 bandoleers each to the regiments of his Highness, Lord Fleetwood, Maj.-Gen. Goffe, Lord Pride, Lord Hewson, and Col. Mills. Approved 29 June. *Annexing,*

128. I. *Desire of the officers of the said regiments of foot about the city for the said arms.* 22 *June* 1658. [½ *page.*]

5. Rob. Browne's answer to the charge made against him by the farmers of excise in London, read.

6. Order on a letter from Capt. Deane, War Treasurer now in Scotland, that the Committee on Geo. Bilton's business send for Col. Atkin, who was security for 5,000*l.*, of which part is unpaid, and see what estates of Bilton's are in his hands.

7. Order on petition of the inhabitants of Weddon in the Street, co. Northampton, that the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers settle an augmentation of 40*l.* on the minister there. Approved 29 June.

8. Joachim Heanes, engineer to the army, to go and reside at Dunkirk as engineer to the garrison, with pay of 16*s.* a day for himself and servant, which is to be added to the establishment. Approved 29 June.

9. The Mardike Committee to order despatch to Dunkirk of a Bible to each file of soldiers, and to consider of an able minister to be sent thither to reside.

10. The Army Committee to order it to be added to the establishment that Capt. Harrison's company, formerly raised for securing Hartlepool garrison, and now in Flanders, consisting of 80 privates besides officers, be paid the same as Col. Guibon's regiment. Approved 29 June.

11. The petition of 4 keepers of Needwood Chase, co. Stafford, referred to the Commissioners for sale of the 4 Forests, to report.

12. The petition of Sam. Firbanke, Francis Pepper, Wm. Ruston, Jane Scrivenor, Francis Scrivenor, Geo. Bilton, Anne Holland, widow, Barth. Atkin, Thos. Peirce, and Barth. Brown, of Bridlington, co. York, and a certificate from the justices of peace at the last quarter sessions at Beverley of 8 April 1657—that they are credibly informed of a lamentable fire which took place at Bridlington 18 March 1656–57, and destroyed the houses, goods, kilns, wheat, barley, and malt of the above inhabitants, to the amount of 597*l.*,—referred to his Highness, to grant letters Patent to make a collection from the charitably disposed in cos. York and Lincoln.

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13. **129.** Order that the present Commissioners of Customs pay from the ½ of 1 per cent. in their hands for redemption of captives, 12,000*l.* to Rich. Hutchinson, towards the great charge of keeping abroad a fleet in the Straits for their redemption, to be repaid out of the public revenue when they make it known to Council that they require the money for those ends for which that custom was designed. Approved 29 June.

15. Desborough, Sydenham, Mr. Comptroller, and Mr. Secretary to consider the business of discoveries lately made before the Commissioners for Discoveries and returned into the Exchequer, consult with counsel what should be done, and report.

16. Next Thursday the Admiralty Commissioners' report on the state of naval affairs to be considered, and meantime the Commissioners to whom it was referred are to prepare what they judge necessary to satisfy Council on the debate.

17. Order on a bill presented on behalf of Thos. Trapham, surgeon, concerning medicaments he provided and delivered to Edw. Cooke for use of wounded soldiers from Mardike now at Dover, *viz.*, 92*l.* 2*s.* 10½*d.*, to advise a warrant to Frost to pay it.

18. The Mardike Committee to give order for pay and accommodation for the 200 or 300 sick and wounded soldiers Lord Lockhart has ordered to be sent from Flanders to Sandwich, co. Kent, the same as given to those at Dover.

19. Mr. Jessop, clerk of Council, to advise with Fras. Hodges, treasurer for the Jamaica forces, or any others, about officers and others come from Jamaica, and claiming pay or arrears, enquire what cases most press for relief, in respect of sickness, lameness, or poverty, and present them to Council.

20. The difference in the French churches in London to be considered next Tuesday, and the Committee thereon to report before then.

21. The report from the Committee on the matter of an instrument for declaring approbation of an Act of the Common Council of Edinburgh, for satisfying public debts of the Corporation by a charge on ale and beer there, read, but not approved.

23. Approval by the Protector of 28 orders, 18 May to 29 June. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 719–726.]

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Whitehall.

President Lawrence to Gen. Geo. Monk. Council finding that Dunnottar Castle is garrisoned for the State's service, desire you to report on its necessity and usefulness to the State, and to have it surveyed and appraised, and certify thereon. [*I.* 78, *p.* 893.]

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130. Petition of John Bland, merchant of London, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Has a plantation in Virginia, but servants being very scarce there, went to Chelsea College to see if any prisoners that had lived slaves and servants in the Indies would go to Virginia; two mulattoes, Ferdinando de Virves and

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Bart. de Ruise, slaves to masters who have been liberated, proffered to go rather than live eternally in prison. Begs their release, as it will ease the State of charge, and advantage the plantation. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

130. I. *Request by Virves and Ruise to Bland to take them to Virginia, their master, Manuel de Sosa, having forgotten them.* 2 *June* 1658. [*Spanish, with an English translation.*]

June ? **131.** Statement that the debts of the Commonwealth, with arrears to the armies and fleets to October 1656, as given in to Parliament, were between 800,000*l.* and 900,000*l.* The charge for the following year, ending October last (1657), would be 2,400,000*l.* The provision suggested was the Excise, and Customs, and Exchequer revenue, estimated at 1,300,000*l.*, and 50,000*l.* a month taxes, which came to 1,900,000*l.*, and they ordered the raising of 3 months' taxes over again at 60,000*l.* a month in England and Ireland, instead of 20,000*l.*, and in Scotland 15,000*l.*, total 215,000*l.*, and the new buildings were to make up the other 300,000*l.* to complete the 2,400,000*l.* But only 3,000*l.* is come in by the new buildings, and the Exchequer revenue is fallen short 200,000*l.*, which causes the armies to be in arrears 300,000*l.* and the Navy 540,000*l.*, beside former debts, and now there is $\frac{1}{2}$ a year's salary due to all the militia forces in England. Exact accounts can be had if wished for. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June ? **132.** Like paper with the sums thrown into tabular form. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June ? **133.** Warrant by Geo. Dashwood and Thos. Young, authorized to take up the excise of ale and beer in London, Westminster, Southwark, and Surrey, to Rob. Blackwell and Mat. Hanscombe, to search houses in Staines where beer and ale are made, take account of all that is brewed, and gather the excise of 2*s.* 6*d.* for a barrel of strong beer or ale, and 6*d.* for a barrel of small beer, giving receipts, and in case of non-payment, reporting the names. With writ of assistance. [1 *page, damaged.*]

June ? **134.** Statement that certain sub-commissioners have taken up excise money, issuing distresses for non-payment, but they keep the same, and refuse to pay in the arrears, and pretend that they held no commission, and only assisted the Commissioners by way of friendship. But it can be proved that they had a commission from the Commissioners authorized by Oliver Protector, appointed under-officers, gathered up the moneys, and gave discharges. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, damaged.*]

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July 1. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The order of 29 June, for an augmentation of 50*l.* to the minister of Sidwells and Davids, in Exeter, discharged, and in respect of the smallness of the maintenance, the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers recommended to order 100*l.* for the better encouragement of an able and godly minister. Approved.

3. The petition of John Clarke, apothecary, referred to the Committee for Ireland, to report.

4. The petition of Col. Thos. Willoughby referred to Fleetwood, Sydenham, Jones, Strickland, Lisle, Fiennes, and Mr. Secretary, to report.

6. On report from the Committee on petition of Matth. Hardy, and proposals of Serjt. Edw. Dendy, concerning the house at Lambeth where Dendy places the prisoners committed to his charge; also on a list of his present prisoners, the charges against them, and the times of their commitment;—order that the same Committee confer with Mr. Secretary about the disposal of the prisoners according to their quality and crimes, learn what Serjt. Dendy has spent on Lady Dirleton, committed to his custody, but released by Council, and report. Strickland and Mr. Secretary added to the Committee.

7. Lord Barnwell's case to be considered next Tuesday.

8. To advise the appointment of Capt. Johnson, who was sent storekeeper to Mardike, as storekeeper at Dunkirk, and to recommend Captain Potter to Amb. Lockhart to fill his place at Mardike.

9. To advise a warrant to Frost to pay Henry Symball, a messenger to Council, and Edw. Tyton, a serjeant's deputy, 25*l.* each, as reward for their diligence in bringing the news of our victory in Flanders.

10. A warrant to be issued for committal to Newgate of Jonathan Hancock, John Goodwin, and Humph. Breach, just reported to have been apprehended, who are suspected of complicity with the late treacherous designs in London, and John Tirwhitt, suspected as Romish priest.

11. The petition and papers of Tracy Pauncefoote referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

12. Also the petition of Anne Graves' children.

13. Order on petition of Col. John Bingham,—that Winterbone Whitchurch Vicarage, co. Dorset, has but a revenue of 20*l.*, and that John Westley, a godly and able young man, has offered to be minister there, if a comfortable salary can be settled on him—to recommend the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 40*l.* on him.

14. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 300*l.* for discharge of bills from the Admiralty Commissioners towards transport of 100 horse from Dover to Flanders.

15. The Admiralty Commissioners to charge bills on Frost for transport of the 100 horses, with their food and attendants, ordered to be shipped on Tuesday from Dover for Dunkirk; warrants advised to Frost to pay the bills accordingly.

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16. The Committee on Piedmontese affairs and Polish Protestants to meet in the Council Chamber at 9 to-morrow.

18. Order that instead of the 100*l.* a year pension advised 13 April to Lewis du Moulin, one of 250*l.* be advised, on his relinquishing his interest in a donative valued at 150*l.* a year.

19. Approval by the Protector of an order of this day. [*I.* 78, *p.* 726–738.]

July 1. 1. Certificate by Jo. Glover, clerk of the passage, that Jos. Williamson, W. Leving, and 3 others landed at Margate were searched, and nothing prejudicial found on them, and that they may therefore be permitted to pass for London. Signatures of the writer and the 6 persons named. [1 *page.*]

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1. Aaron Stocall delivered an appeal from a judgment in Jersey, obtained 17 April 1658 by Guilliaume le Cornn against Thos. de Quetteville, concerning accounts between them, which Stocall desired might be entered. [*I.* 78, *p.* 730.]

July 3. Declaration by the Protector for a day of public thanksgiving. When the last adjourned Parliament met 20 January, a happy settlement was hoped, but in vain. The old enemy was designing an invasion with an army of Papists and Atheists for Charles Stuart, in conjunction with the King of Spain,—who wishes to give us work in England, rather than we should help the French against them,—the inferior people were inclined to dangerous commotions; the army unsettled, from their wants and fear of leaving to take free quarter; the trade of the nation and our honour at sea nearly lost for want of due supplies, we being obliged to keep our men-of-war at sea, and not having money to pay our mariners, whilst our neighbours kept large fleets. In Flanders 20 men-of-war were ready to transport Charles Stuart and his Spanish forces to invade us; they endeavoured to bribe our garrisons to receive them, and insurrections were laid in several counties to rise in assistance, fire London, and seize on the treasure there, all which has been proved, some of the offenders are already executed, and examinations of others proceed. Also we feared God's hand was upon us in an epidemical sickness that lay sore on London, and in the unseasonable spring. Yet though we have been like the burning bush these past 5 months, we are not consumed; we live in peace. God disappointed our enemies by giving us timely notice of their preparations, and revealing their conspiracies. He has also given our soldiers a spirit of honesty, and the good old spirit has carried them through all their difficulties. Also the plague stayed 2 weeks after the fast day, and we are now in hopes of plenty, the unseasonable spring notwithstanding.

Also God has abased Spain, whence our troubles sprung, by a victory gained over them by the French, who owed much therein

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while those on Charles Stuart's part were more cowardly than any in the Spanish army. The Lord has also given us a port-town, not the worst in Flanders, and therefore, as we ought to acknowledge His mercies, we appoint 21 July for a public thanksgiving day in England, Wales, and Berwick-on-Tweed, and require all ministers to give notice the Sunday before, and, on the day, to read this declaration in their churches. No fairs or markets to be held that day. [6 *pages, printed. Vol. II., No.* 135, *Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

July $\frac{5}{15}$. Hague. Alexander, Earl of Balcarres, to the King. I hoped that on comparing the causes of your displeasure with the evidences of my loyalty, your resentment would have been allayed. But finding in your late opposition to what was proposed to the Princess Royal about my poor wife that it is otherwise, and hearing a rumour of your removal to a greater distance, I humbly address you as one who has willingly parted with all he has in the world to serve you, and has been faithful at heart, whatever indiscretions he may be charged with. But I will not complain nor justify myself in the matter of that memoir to Mr. Knox with which you are offended, and I hope you do not find my friendships so criminal as you judged them.

I beg to explain that the one intended your real advantage, and that my friendships have not been contrary to your known will, nor prejudicial to your service. If anything else sticks with you, let me know it, and vindicate myself, or beg your pardon if I have transgressed. If you think I went about to serve you in a way of my own, it was because I knew no better. I can prove that all I aimed at was to lay so large a foundation for your undertakings as might comprehend all interests, and engage most hearts and hands to your service. If you have thought me to be of an uneasy humour, I have lately been more sullen than before I had so much sickness, and the sense of your displeasure. But think that when I arrived in Paris, I found myself misrepresented, and, what was more grievous, misunderstood by you, in the very things that were the most signal proofs of my fidelity. My friends were also unworthily used by those to whom you trusted your affairs in Scotland. Let me clear myself to you, and I will do it with candour and respect.

I may not live long, and I would not leave the world out of your favour. My highest ambition is to serve you, and not to be exposed to necessities that I tremble to think upon. Let me not spend the small remainder of my days under your displeasure, and go with sorrow to the grave, for I wish no greater blessing than your re-establishment. [3 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

July 6. **2.** Petition of Peter Samways, minister, to the Protector. I was approved by the Committee for Preachers to Cheshunt vicarage, co. Herts, and ejected neither for scandal nor insufficiency, but for things which the Committee for Preachers thought no just impediment to my admission. I have since been presented by my patron, Thomas, Earl of Elgin (in whose family, and that of his

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sister, the Countess dowager of Devonshire, I have lived ever since my ejectment), to a benefice in the north of England, but the Committee for Approbation say they cannot deliver me the instrument without your license. Encouraged by the certificates in my favour, especially by that of Dr. Thos. Goodwin, late primate of Ireland, and Jeremiah White, one of your family, I beg you to empower me to preach the Gospel. With reference 23 June 1858 to Council, his Highness being well satisfied with the certificate. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

2. I. *Certificate by the inhabitants of Cheshunt in his favour, and request that those who seldom or never came to hear him or his predecessor, Dr. Whincop, may not be the occasion of depriving them of so learned, pious, and painful a minister.* 104 *signatures.* [1¼ *pages, copy.*]

2. II. *Dr. Thos. Goodwin to* ———————. *Long detail of the peculiarities of religious belief for which Samways was questioned before the Commissioners, of his spiritual experience, and of his own approbation of him.* 20 *Feb.* 1654–5. *With certificates in his favour by James, Archbishop of Armagh,* 8 *March* 1651–2; *and by Jas. Dupont and* 3 *others of Trinity College, Cambridge, that he was not ejected thence for scandal or delinquency, but only for refusing the engagement.* 29 *Feb.* 1655–6. [2⅔ *pages.*]

2. III. *Certificate by Col. Fras. White that he was presented* 2½ *years since by the Earl of Salisbury to Cheshunt,* 3 *months ago, ejected by the Commissioners on articles against him, but not judged guilty of scandal or insufficiency, and should be allowed to preach.* 28 *June* 1655–6. [⅔ *page.*]

2. IV. *Like certificates by Wm. Packer and* 3 *others.* 6 *November* 1657. *Also by Thos. Manton and Jeremiah White.* [1⅔ *pages.*]

2. V. *Certificate by the Committee for Approbation of Preachers that he is fit to preach, but is suspended on an order in Council requiring particular satisfaction to be given from persons under sequestration.* 14 *May* 1658. [½ *page.*]

2. VI. *J. White to Lord President Lawrence. Her Highness commanding my attendance at Hampton Court, I must address you by letter on behalf of Pet. Samways. You will find his certificates enough to remove any prejudice he labours under. He is a man of great merit, and moderate in those things in which he differs from us. Hampton Court.* 3 *June* 1658. [1¼ *pages.*]

July 6. Order thereon that the Committee for Preachers deliver Samways their instrument of approbation, the order for particular

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July 6. **3.** Petition of Rich. Crofts, cordwainer of Blackfriars, to Council. On your declaration encouraging trade to Flanders, for relief of the English army there with necessaries, I packed up 5 hds. of shoes for Mardike, and my men some pieces of leather to mend the soldiers' shoes, but they lie at the Custom house, and cannot be transported without your warrant, which I request. I am a poor lame soldier, and lost most of my limbs in the service, being quartermaster under Col. Rainborough, but I was never chargeable to the State. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

July 6. **4.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 734.]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

3. **5.** The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint fit vessels to transport 200 recruits from Hull to Dunkirk, and take order for their victualling on the passage.

4. **6.** Also to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to provide 120 pairs of holsters for the horse to be speedily transported to Dunkirk.

5. Order on a letter from Lord Montague, general of the fleet, that our ships have brought in and stayed at the Downs 7 Dutch ships under convoy of Capt. Banker, that Mr. Secretary write to Montague to liberate them at once.

6. Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of the poor workmen armourers of London, about armour delivered into the Ordnance Office Tower,—that it would relieve the petitioners and encourage the manufacture of arms, if the armours and head pieces delivered were valued and paid for—that the Admiralty Commissioners ascertain their quantity, agree upon the price, and certify, that further order may be given. *Annexing,*

7. *Report alluded to, in favour of payment, or the trade will be ruined, as none have lately been able to take apprentices for want of employment.* 17 *June* 1658. [1 *page.*]

7. The representation of the commission officers lately wounded in Flanders, and now at Dover, of their extraordinary charges about their cure, referred to the Mardike Committee, to consider what further sum may be allowed them, and how it may be raised, and to order its despatch to Dover, and its fit distribution.

8. A report from the Admiralty Commissioners, representing at large the state of the naval affairs, read; also estimates of the navy debts up to 1 July 1658, and of the charge of 14,000 men to be employed at sea, from 1 July for a year, with the salaries that will be due to the navy officers and the dockyards in that time; also several letters from the Navy and Victualling Office, named in the said report. *Annexing,*

8. *Report alluded to. On* 10 *June last, we presented to you the great extremities of naval affairs, and now find a great increase of the just complaints for want of money due,*

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the exhaustion of the stores, and the great charge for wages, arising from the unusual time the ships have been kept abroad. We again beseech your consideration thereof, or confusion must follow, and we shall be incapable to serve.

Next year's victuals must now be provided, and we must know what provision you will declare for.

Part of the fleet will soon be brought into port, and is needless to continue abroad, and we want order about the Straits' fleet, most of which are not fit to be kept out this winter.

The stores must be recruited, and part of the debts paid off, as your credit is impaired.

We cannot subsist without some supply commensurate with what is granted in other branches of business, as none is more important and laborious. It may be said that we have the revenue of customs and excise; but of this half is diverted to the army; 2000l. weekly to his Highness's occasions; 735l. a week to Ely House, &c., and the salaries of the judges and of the Customs' Commissioners are paid therefrom. There is a great deficiency therefore, and many poor creditors, who have sold goods for ready money, and cannot get payment, are undone, for the ordinary receipts are taken up in discharging some few ships as they come in.

The credit of the navy is so impaired that now we cannot buy necessaries except for ready money. We beg speedy supply, or unavoidable evils must ensue. 6 *July* 1658. [2¾ *pages.*]

8. I. *Estimate of the debts of the navy to* 1 *July* 1658; *total,* 573,474*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.* 5 *July* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

8. II. *Estimate of a year's charge of* 14,000 *men at sea, and of the salaries of the navy officers and yards, from* 1 *July* 1658; *total,* 926,537*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* [1 *page.*]

8. III. *Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. The complaint of non-payment of bills due* 10, *nay* 14 *months past, are such that people will not trust the State, and many poor men, from whom we bought petty goods at the lowest market rates, are almost ruined. The stores are exhausted, and none will sell to us but at* 30 *to* 50 *per cent. dearer than before, and they are backward to deliver goods on any terms. We cannot carry on the work unless some effectual course be taken.* 24 *May* 1658. [1 *page.*]

8. IV. *Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. To like effect. The credit of the office is now grown despicable, and we are very uncomfortable, and cannot carry on the work without a speedy supply. The work-*

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and Woolwich, are 12 *months behind in payment, and the stores so exhausted that we could not set a frigate out to sea.* 2 *June* 1658. [1 *page.*]

8. V. *Vice-Adm. John Stoakes to* [*the Admiralty Commissioners*]. *I have ordered hither the ships that have arrived at Toulon, and shall be much distressed unless they bring stores of all sorts; if I am to continue abroad, I must have victuals and ships in place of those that have been out so long that they cannot hold out another winter. I shall lie off Leghorn, where they are in great fear of those of Naples and Majorca. Capt. Whitehorne will command the party whom his Highness orders me to spare, to join the French. Marseilles Bay,* 15 *June* 1658. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

8. VI. *Chas. Thorowgood to the Admiralty Commissioners. Particulars of ships. I can get no tallow, without ready money, as they have to borrow money at interest for want of payment. The anchorsmith* [*Mr. Timbrell*] *must discharge his men for want of money;* 1600*l. is due to him, and he has had to borrow* 1200*l. at interest. Portsmouth Yard,* 26 *June* 1658. [1 *page.*]

8. VII. *Chas. Thorowgood to the Navy Commissioners, to like effect.* 26 *June* 1658. [1 *page.*]

8. VIII. *Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. Capt. Thorowgood's letters will account for our being unable to supply the tallow for ships at Portsmouth, ordered by you,* 24 *June last. Navy Office,* 28 *June* 1658. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

8. IX. *John Timbrell to the Navy Commissioners. I have served Portsmouth yard with iron work, and received nothing these* 18 *months, so that I have run into debt* 1200*l. There is much wanted as many ships come in, but I have nothing to buy iron or pay servants' wages, and without a large supply, I cannot possibly go on. I have a great family, and have been too sick to come up to London.* 29 *June* 1658. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

8. X. *Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. We are sorry to be burdensome to you, but we must send the lamentable complaints we receive, and others come in daily. Navy Office,* 30 *June* 1658. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

His Highness present.

11. The petition of John Wing, minister, to be freed from allowing any maintenance to Wm. Fuller, referred to the Committee for ejecting scandalous Ministers in co. Surrey, to report their advice.

12.* To advise his Highness to pass the draft declaration for a public day of thanksgiving, which was agreed on.

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13. Copies of the said declaration to be sent to the Lord President and Council in Ireland and Scotland, with a letter to appoint a day of thanksgiving in like manner there.

14.* The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 50*l.* on the minister of Mitcham, co. Surrey.

15. Order on a certificate from the Customs' Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners, that they cannot obey the order of 29 June to pay 12,000*l.* to the Navy Treasurer from moneys in their hands by the ½ of 1 per cent. levied for redemption of captives, and on reading the drafts of the orders prepared by the Admiralty Commissioners for their better discharge, that instead of the former order, there be the following:

16.* Order that—whereas there has been and is a fleet in the Straits for ransoming English captives taken by Turkish, Moorish, or other vessels, and remaining in captivity on the coast of Barbary, and for making a peace with the people of Tunis and Tripoli;—And whereas the commander of this fleet has made a peace with the King and Duana of Tunis, and is endeavouring the same at Tripoli, which occasions great charge—the Customs' Commissioners, out of the ½ of 1 per cent. received by them for redemption of captives, pay to the Navy Treasurer 6,992*l.* 16*s.* 10¾*d.*

17.* Like order for payment of 5,007*l.* 3*s.* 1¼*d.* *Annexing,*

9. *Customs' Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. On your letter of* 26 *June, we paid Hutchinson* 10,000*l., expecting a Council order for reimbursement from growing receipts; but an order is sent* [*see* 29 *June* 1658] *which will not avail us to pass our accounts, because, being conditional and implying a loan, it will not be admitted as a voucher. We therefore beg a positive order for payment of the said sum for redemption of captives, or an order to pay the money by loan, reimbursing ourselves from the Customs, and for the Treasurer to give us an acquittance, that a tally may be struck, or we shall be in confusion, and our accounts will be open, which will not consist with our safety. Custom House, London,* 7 *July* 1658. [1 *page.*]

18. The petition of Capt. Sam. Doughty, for arrears for service in Scotland, referred to the Army Committee, to report. *Annexing,*

10. *Report by the said Committee, that he commanded a troop of horse in Scotland in* 1650, *Sept. to Dec., but was paid in part, and that after the deduction for provisions made to officers,* 34*l.* 2*s. remains due to him; but as the time prescribed,* 25 *Aug.* 1656, *for payment of Scotch arrears is elapsed, he cannot be paid without special order.* 31 *Dec.* 1658. [1 *page.*]

19. Order on a letter from Luke Robinson, with information enclosed against a minister, that Mr. Secretary write to him to

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20.* The paper of request from Adam Samuel Hartman and Paulus Cyrillus, the 2 Bohemian and Polonian agents, for an order to issue from the Committee on Piedmont and Poland, for 100*l.* to be paid them from the money collected for Protestants exiled from Poland, to buy 3 of the Bibles lately printed in the learned languages, and other books, which they are desired to buy, and will speedily make good the money in the place where they live among those banished in Silesia, for which security will be given if required—though they think they may be trusted with that sum, as the agent for the 20 families is entrusted with 400*l.* without any limitation—referred to the said Committee, to give order as they think fit.

21. On petition of Thos. Davison, of Blackiston, co. Durham, and certificate of John Rushworth, averring its truth, and shewing the necessity of petitioner's coming to town, to consummate his marriage,—order that Maj. Jenkins permit him to travel to London with his horses and 2 servants, provided he perfect the affair so as to return in 2 months. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 730–737.]

July 7. **11—27.** Letters from Hen. Sewall, relating to the purchase from the Earl of Shrewsbury, and 2 other lords not named, of 147 acres in Shirland Park, offered him at 10*s.* an acre, but which he wishes to get at 6*s.*, on account of expenses of 400*l.* to be incurred in building and fencing. Also he wishes a lease for 3 lives instead of 21 years, and allowance of timber. The persons concerned therein are Mr. Howard, Mr. Philips, "who has good interest at Arundel House," Sir Geo. Saville, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Mariot, Mr. Knaresborough, Mr. Turner, and Mrs. Mary Lowe, in whose name the lease is to be made. The first letter is from Wm. Dugdale to his nephew Sewall, dated London, 27 Oct. 1657. The rest are from Sewall to Fras. Royley, St. Steven's-alley, opposite Derby House, Charnel-row, Westminster, excepting one in reply from Royley, dated 12 Dec. 1657, and 2 drafts by him. [17 *papers.*]

July 7. **28.** Army Committee to the President of Council. By the many orders directed to us from his Highness and Council, there have been so many alterations and additions to the establishment of 15 Oct. 1655, that the issue of money to the forces is much disordered. We beg that an entire establishment for the forces in England may be passed, and on this all orders and warrants grounded. On 14 April last, we were ordered to make a report of the establishment, but it has lain with the clerks of Council ever since, and several orders have passed which should be comprehended therein. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

I. *Note of* 10 *alterations and additions to the establishment from* 16 *March* 1657–58 *to* 29 *June* 1658, *making an increase of* 14*l.* 14*s.* 1*d. daily.* [1 *page.*]

July 7. Order thereon in Council that Desborow, Fleetwood, Mr. Secretary, Sydenham, and Mr. Comptroller send for the Army Committee, and consider and direct a draft of the establishment for the forces in

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England, with additions and alterations since the establishment of Oct. 1655, which may answer the proposed end, and report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 738.]

July 8. **29.** Petition of Thos. Goodyeare, merchant of London, to the Protector and Council. The Customs' Commissioners are willing to obey your order of 23 March, but do not think it allows them to permit me to ship any more tin than I entered in my own name. I beg you to explain the order, that I may ship the residue of 1,852 cwt. entered in other names. [⅔ *page.*]

July 8. Reference thereon to Sydenham, Desborow, Lisle, Skippon, Lord Chamberlain, and Wolsley, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 743.]

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[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

His Highness present.

2. The draft of an oath to be administered to the inhabitants of Dunkirk, read, amended, agreed to, and to be administered accordingly.

3. Oath to be taken by the said inhabitants, that they will be faithful to the Protector, will not design anything against his person or authority, or against the safety, defence, or preservation of the place, but will defend his person and authority, and the town under his government, against all conspiracies and attempts. Also that they will discover to the Protector, or commander-in-chief, all treasons and conspiracies against him, his authority, or the safety of the town, for the betraying it into other hands, and withdrawing it from fidelity to the Protector's government.

4. Order on the desire of William Earl of Lothian—that as Council has written to the judges in Scotland on the petition of himself and others [*see* 15 *June* 1658] they would write to the Council in Scotland to concur with the judges for their relief, and request them to use their endeavours to stay prosecutions on the Earl's estate—for the draft of a letter to be prepared and brought in to Council for approbation. *Annexing,*

30. *Request of the Earl alluded to, for the writing of the above letter, confirming that of* 8 *May last.* [1 *page.*]

5.* On report from the referees on the accounts of Jasper Clutterbuck, receiver for monthly assessments in co. Gloucester, —that according to the order of Sir Wm. Constable, a penny a day billet money be paid to the soldiers of his regiment, amounting to 406*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.* more than was allowed to soldiers in garrison (the Army Committee then allowing 3*d.* a day billet money to the marching army and only 2*d.* to men in garrison); also that he paid 125*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* in part of 14 days' pay claimed to be due; total, 612*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.* Also that there is 252*l.* 17*s.* 9½*d.* "uncollective" on the places in his account, and 425*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* charged on colleges, hospital lands, &c., pretended to be discharged by Act of Parliament; total, 678. 10*s.* 2½*d.*—order that the Army Committee allow him the said sums by defalcation on his account.

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6.* Order that as on 25 Nov. 1656, the Admiralty Commissioners were to audit yearly the accounts of Maj. John Wade, for the Forest of Dean, and on a certificate of the said Commissioners of 26 Nov. 1657—that they have sent down accountants, and taken his accounts on the place, charging him with the balance and stock in hand on his last account [*see* 25 *Nov.* 1656], and that on this account, ending 15 Sept. 1657, there remains due 2,112*l.* 0*s.* 7½*d.*, of which there was 350*l.* 3*s.* 3½*d.* in money and the rest in debts—that Wade be fully discharged from the said accounts, saving only the said balance, which he is to pay on direction of the Admiralty Commissioners. *Annexing,*

31. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners alluded to.* 26 *Nov.* 1657. [¾ *page.*]

7.* **32.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the building of a 4th or 5th rate frigate, from the timber in Dean Forest. *Annexing,*

32. I. II. *Major Jno. Wade to the Admiralty Commissioners. I approve your intention to put another frigate on the stocks in Dean Forest, as it will be good husbandry. There are* 1,500 *tons of timber in the forest and the yard by the water side, which is spoiling through the sun and winds. To make iron without building ships, or vice versâ, is a loss, as what is to become of the offal timber? The selling of* 100 *or* 200 *tons would surfeit the whole country, and yield but little money. Building ships and making iron together is as agreeable one with the other as health to the body. There is not a tree in* 1,000 *in the forest that is not decaying, and therefore the perpetually keeping a vessel on the stocks, with a competent number of men at work, would be great prudence. In the felling of timber, you should reserve the large scantlings for the repair of ships, and as soon as a freight is ready, provide a ship and send it away. The great timber will continue until more grows, provided the lopping is regularly performed.*

The next frigate built will not cost so much by 200*l.* *as the last, the yard being fitted and the timber and all materials ready; I hope it may be a* 4*th rate, as she will go off as well, and go down the Severn as safely as a* 5*th rate. The master builder should have the whole care, and provide all necessaries, as last time there was a great deal of money cast away. The time for auditing my account has come, but I desire you will let it stand until the furnaces are blown out, at which time all the stock will be known. Little Dean Forest,* 4 *Aug.* 1658. [2 *copies.*]

32. III. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners that the Navy Commissioners give directions for building the ship, consider Maj. Wade's letter thereon, and correspond with him about the ship.* 10 *Aug.* 1658. ⅔ *page.*]

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*10. The Army Committee to assign for the forces in Ireland 8,000*l.*, and for those in Scotland 11,400*l.* from the 210,000*l.* payable on the 6 months' assessment ending 25 Dec. 1656, and the rest for the forces in England.

11. A letter read from Hen. Cannon and Robt. Aldridge, of 12 June 1658—shewing that according to order of 13 May, transmitting to them a charge exhibited against Geo. Starkey, they arranged a time and place for prosecuting the matter, and sent word to Dr. Young, but that he never appeared, nor sent any accusation against Starkie, so that they have no ground of accusation against him,—read.

His Highness withdrew.

13. The information presented by Wm. Platt against John Fagnall referred to Mr. Secretary, Desborow, Sydenham, Strickland, Lisle, and Wolsley, to examine and give order.

14. Also the articles exhibited by Thos. Coke against Thos. Wynn, of Bodveane, co. Carnarvon.

16. Order on report in the case of Thos. Salmon, creditor of Rich. Burt [*see* 22 *June* 1658], for a letter to one of the assignees of Burt's estate, that Council is informed of their neglect in putting the goods to sale, by which Sir Phil. Twisleton's regiment is much disappointed as to their share, and to order the assignees to meet, sell the goods, receive the money, and pay the regiment; the neglect of any to be certified to Council. With letter accordingly to Jos. Blackwell, hosier, Cornhill, London. [*I.* 78, *p.* 895.] *Annexing,*

33. *Report of the Treasury Commissioners alluded to,* 2 *July* 1658. [⅔ *page.*]

19. Order—on report on the petition of John Wheatley by the Trustees for sale of the 4 forests [*see* 25 *May* 1658]—that it is necessary that Wheatley should be continued registrar for the sale of the forests,—appointing him registrar, the Trustees to consider his salary, which is to be paid out of the ½ of Enfield Chace set apart for incidental charges, and to certify. Approved 3 Nov. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 738–745.] *Annexing,*

34. *Report alluded to, dated Worcester House,* 16 *June* 1658. [1½ *pages.*]

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35. Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Navy Commissioners. I have received and issued the stores to the several boatswains, according to the necessities of their respective ships, and taken their receipts, so that they may be charged therewith at home. I have sent home the Tredagh, Yarmouth, and Jersey, and there are many more with me who need the same relief. I have left the Fairfax and 4 others at Toulon to join the French fleet, and appointed Capt. Thos. Whitstone commander-in-chief; I myself, with the Torrington and 3 others, will sail for Tripoli, to endeavour the destruction of their ships now abroad, or a peace with them so that I may the better prevent the Spaniards from surprising English merchant ships, by giving them

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July 9. **36.** Humphrey [Robinson] to Jos. Williamson, Queen's College Oxford. I send you by Giles, the bargeman, who goes towards Oxford to-day, your trunk and 4 well corded boxes; pay a reasonable freight. [⅓ *page.*]

July 10. Saturday. **37.** Thos. Leigh to Williamson, Oxford. My uncle leaves it to my pleasure whether to go first to him or my mother, so I shall take the shortest journey first, and start on Monday. I should be glad if you could conveniently come down too. [1 *page.*]

July 13. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of the governor, deputy assistants, and fellowship of Merchant Adventurers in England referred to Fiennes, Fleetwood, Desborow, Jones, Strickland, Skippon, and Mr. Comptroller, to send for and examine witnesses, and report.

2. On information that in spite of an order of 1 July, for Wm. Jones to transport a stone horse to Flanders custom free, the Customs' officers at Dover refused to let it so pass, and forced Jones, who is in Lord Lockhart's service in Flanders, to enter into security for payment of the duty;—order that the said officers give up the security.

3. Order on petition of Geo. Hussey, messenger of Council, to advise an order to Frost to pay him 20*l.* for going to Flanders, and returning with the good news of the success God was pleased to give to his Highness's forces.

4. Order on Sir Ant. Cope's appearance on summons, [*see* 22 *June, p.* 69 *supra,*]—that Fiennes, Fleetwood, and the Lord Chamberlain try to compose the difference between him and Sir Wm. Walter, or report; also that they consider the information against Cope in reference to Maj. Salway and others, reprove him and admonish him to prevent the like in future.

5. The report from the Treasury Commissioners on John St. Aubyn's petition concerning his interest in St. Michael's Mount, Cornwall, referred to Rous, Jones, Desborow, Fleetwood, Strickland, Fiennes, Skippon, and Sydenham, to speak with St. Aubyn as to how the matter may be accommodated, to maintain his right and public safety with regard to the Fort, and to report.

6. The list of persons to be Commissioners and assistant Commissioners to the Committee for ejecting scandalous Ministers in North Wales referred to Mulgrave, Lord Chamberlain, Rous, Skippon, Strickland, Desborow, and Mr. Secretary, to report.

7. On petition of the inhabitants of Wilton Chapelry, co. Northumberland, and of several justices of peace and neighbouring ministers,—shewing the size of the place, its distance from other churches, and the smallness of its profits, viz., 8*l.* a year;—order to recommend to Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 60*l.* on the place.

8. The officer who has Wm. Tiringham in custody at Aylesbury, co. Bucks, to release him.

9. A letter from Col. Rich. Norton, dated Southwick, 11 June, concerning charges for transporting 3 companies of Col. Salmon's regiment from Portsmouth to Flanders, and payment to officers,

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in all 488*l.* 15*s.*, referred to the Mardike Committee, to speak with Salmon and report their opinion, as also where the money may be charged.

10. Like order on a letter from Maj. Jenkins, dated Hartlepool 17 June, about the charge of 120*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* for shipping to Mardike Capt. Harrison's company of foot.

11. Kinnersley's account for the entertainment of the French ambassador referred to the Auditors of Imprest, to state and certify.

12. Thos. Robinson's petition read. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 737–749.]

July 14. **38.** Petition of Wm. Platt to John Thurloe, Secretary of State, and one of the Lords of the Council. I have come 128 miles from Orton Maddock, Flintshire, to Westminster, and have no money to return thither, where my many adversaries will not suffer me to live. I beg an allowance for my journeys, and an order to Col. Croxon, at Chester, to enlist me as a soldier, that I may be defended from those who are enemies to me, his Highness, and the Commonwealth. With his receipt for 20*s.* paid by Thurloe's order. [1 *page.*]

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London. **39.** Leber de Nully to M. Houlemson [Williamson] Auxford [Oxford]. Thanks for your courtesy to an unknown stranger, and for your recommendation to Mr. Robinson, who helped me to find a domicile. I have had no reply from Amsterdam. I hope to see you before crossing the sea. [1 *page, French.*]

July 15. **40.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I have lodged M. Nully in a French house in Blackfriars. I see you are for Norfolk. Mr. Leigh had only 35*l.* of the money. Business transactions about luggage, &c. [1 *page.*]

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At Hampton Court.—His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person,]

1. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners, to pay Frost 900*l.* to defray Guibon's charges for transport to Dunkirk of the troops of horse raised by Capts. Broadnax, Geo. Brett, and Mills.

3. To advise an order as above for 700*l.* to Frost for charge of transport to Dunkirk of 2 troops of horse over and above the 4 troops formerly ordered.

4.* The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to send to Dunkirk, in addition to former consignments, such numbers of the following arms as shall make up the proportion in all to

700 backs, breasts, and potts,
700 pairs of pistols and holsters,
700 carbines,
500 corslets and head pieces,
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5. Order on a letter from the Council in Scotland, of 23 June, concerning 200*l.* a year, to be settled on the college at Edinburgh, with a draft of the assignation, to advise his Highness to sign a declaration therefor.

6, 7.* The following draft order read and agreed to. On report that the Treasury Commissioners, having advised his Highness on the most effectual means to get in arrears unpaid on purchase of forfeited estates, found it necessary to order the counterparts of all such conveyances of land as were passed, and the reconveyances by purchasers for security of money unpaid, to be given to Wm. Swann, their solicitor, which order has not been complied with, though several letters were written, so that the service is retarded and prejudiced:—order that all such documents be sent to Swann within a week, by schedule indented.

8. The Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker to return account to Council of all prosecutions made to cause former treasurers and collectors of prize goods to bring in their accounts according to the order of 1 April, and to state the business with speed.

9. Gabl. Beck to return account at once of prize goods in the outports.

10.* Dr. Walker to order Ald. Rich. Hill and other prize goods' treasurers and collectors to be called to account in the Admiralty Court, and the same to be proceeded in as directed in the case of their predecessors last April.

11. The petition of Robt. Goodwin, butcher of Lambeth, referred to Dennis Bond, Ed. Cresset, and Jn. Stone, to examine and report.

12. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost 3,000*l.* for Mardike affairs.

13*. Lords Whalley and Goffe to consider what horses claimed by Lady Byron were seized, and on what grounds, and order their release if they see cause.

14*. The Treasury Commissioners to pay from money coming in on the New Buildings' Act, 1,000*l.* to Fras. Hodges, treasurer for the Jamaica forces, on the Privy Seal already charged for that service, to be issued for pay and arrears of service in Jamaica.

15. Hodges to pay first what the Committee for America has ordered to the wives of officers and soldiers in Jamaica who are to join their husbands.

16*. The Committee on money to assign weekly in future, out of the New Buildings' money, what will enable Hodges to defray Jamaica expenses.

17. Council to adjourn till Tuesday afternoon, and meet at Hampton Court.

18.* Order on petition of Wm. Kingsley, of Sarret, co. Herts, now prisoner at Agmundisham, co. Bucks, concerning his new security certified by Lord Fleetwood, and certificate and bond annexed, that he be released, and Fleetwood take order accordingly. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 749–755.]

July 15. Declaration by the Protector. Considering the condition of Edinburgh University, founded but lately, since the reformation

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in Scotland, the rents small, and much arising from the beneficence of the City, whose magistrates and council are the founders and patrons;—We, from our good will for the advancement of religion and learning, and in prosecution of our order of 25 Aug. 1657, grant to the provost and baillies, to be spent by advice of the council of the burgh, and with consent of the masters of the University, for such uses as are most expedient, 200*l.* a year from church lands in Scotland not yet disposed of; and we empower our Council in Scotland to appoint the locality thereof as they think most effectual for the University, and our Excise Commissioners in Scotland to pass a signature thereon for the yearly payment of one penny English. The signature and charter to follow thereupon and to be extended with all needful clauses. The Excise Commissioners and Commissioners of Justice in Scotland to direct letters of horning and other executorials needful for getting in the said 200*l.*, and all arrears of rents indebted to be paid in, as well as the growing rents; the officers of Chancery and Exchequer in Scotland to pass this grant under the Great Seal there *per saltum.* [*I.* 78, *pp.* 750–752.]

July 15. Hampton Court. Pres. Lawrence to Col. Robt. Guibons. Concerning the transport to Dunkirk of the 2 troops of horse formerly mentioned to you in Mr. Secretary's letter, and of a 3rd troop raised by Capt. Mills which is now on the march,—his Highness and Council have ordered that the necessary money shall be paid in to Frost; and for the contingencies of that service, and because dispatch is important, they desire you to take effectual means to provide all necessaries for transport, and draw a bill of exchange on Frost for the cost. Approved in person. [*I.* 78, *p.* 895.

July 15. Hampton Court. Council to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. To the same effect as their letter to the lords of sessions in Scotland of 15 June last, written at the request of the Earl of Lothian. *I.* 78, *p.* 755.]

July 15. Chatham. **41.** Com. Peter Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I arrived here from Dunkirk with Mr. Peters last night. The town is great, well built, populous, and will be very strong when repaired, which is now in hand. The worst thing I saw there was a people sottishly ignorant and superstitious, whose prejudice and blind zeal transports them so far beyond humanity that they refuse to give way to the interring of our English in any of their consecrated ground. It is hoped that in a short time contributions will be gained from some part of Flanders for maintaining of the garrison of Dunkirk; if so, it will certainly be more considerable to England than ever Calais was, there being also a far better harbour for shipping than the other has.

It is said that 6,000 families have been ruined since the war began between the French and the Spaniard in those parts, which is almost incredible; but this I am sure of, that between Dunkirk and Bergen, we saw the ruins of very many parishes in that level,

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The enclosed from Mr. Sewell is in answer to yours about the old provisions, and a demand of what should be forthwith supplied, especially the two standards for the General; as the Foresight will be ready to take in her victuals by Tuesday, he desires they may also be sent. The poor men want their pay very much, and there are some lately dead who, it is said, perished for want of relief. If it is thought fit to do anything to the Dunbar so as to make her of better quality, now is a convenient time. Mr. Peters being now going to preach, I must hasten to conclude. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

41. I. *Demand by Robt. Sewell of 4 doz. oars, 6 spars, and 2 standards for the use of the Naseby. Chatham Dock,* 15 *July* 1658. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

July $\frac{19}{29}$. Antwerp. [Sec. Nicholas] to the Earl to Kinnoul. Lord Wentworth has represented to the King your entire affection to his service, and shown him copies of 2 letters written by the late King to your father, whereupon the King expressed great esteem both for your father and yourself, and bade me signify to you that he will consider the particulars named in those letters, and be willing, when God shall enable him, to express his value of you. [1 *page, draft, Flanders correspondence.*]

July $\frac{19}{29}$. Antwerp. [Sec. Nicholas] to Lord Napier. The King bids me say that he has heard from Lord Wentworth of your devoted affection, and that he esteems your person, and sets a singular value on your affection to his cause, which he will prove when God so enables him. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page, draft, Flanders correspondence.*]

July 20. **42.** Petition of Anne, widow of Capt. John Ward, of Colonel Lillingston's regiment, and late of his Highness's guard, to the Protector, for a weekly pension. Her husband was slain at the fight with the Spaniards against Dunkirk; she and 2 small children are destitute of all way of livelihood. Her husband has been in service from the beginning of the wars, and behaved himself valiantly and faithfully. With reference 17 July 1658 to Council. [1 *page.*]

July 20. Order thereon in Council for payment from the Treasury of 100*l.* to Gualter Frost, treasurer for contingencies, to be employed for the benefit of her and her children. [*I.* 78, *p.* 756.]

July 20. **43.** Petition of "Lazarus, Armenian Christian, deep in the grave of misery and oppression," to the Protector. Capt. Stoakes, admiral of your fleet before Cadiz, 10 months since, seized on 311*l.* 14*s.* worth of my cochineal, to the utter ruin of me and my family, "impawned to the Turks for the said estate." I petitioned you 6 months ago, and you referred me to Dr. Walker, and then to Lord Strickland, who, not finding proof enough, sent me to Holland to get a certificate of the case, which I have done, though hazarding my life by cold this last winter. You have now referred me, with the letter of confirmation from the States of the United Provinces, to the Admiralty Judges, who, finding my demand just, reported

accordingly, and thereon you ordered Capt. Stoakes to do me justice but what justice can I expect from him who threw me into the sea for demanding my right? My only hope is that you will raise this Lazarus out of the grave of misery, and assign me to some place in the Customs or Excise where I can receive the money, or send an order signed and sealed to the captain to deliver me my goods or their value. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

43. I. *Certificate by Jacob Wolfersen, captain of the Mary Elizabeth, of Terveer, Zealand, to the shipping of the cochineal at Santa Cruz. Teneriffe,* 26 *Aug.* 1657. [½ *page, Dutch.*]

43. II. *Certificate of the captain and officers of the ship to its seizure by Adm. Stoakes. Cadiz,* 20 *Sept.* 1657. [*Translated from Dutch.* ¾ *page.*]

43. III. *Certificate by the notary of Amsterdam to the attestation on oath of the depositions on the case.* 2 *and* 3 *April* 1658. [3 *pages.*]

43. IV. *The Protector to Capt. Stoakes, in the Straits or elsewhere. We send you the petition of Lazaro Armenio, and the papers of the Admiralty Commissioners thereon, that you may do him justice. He is too poor to stay here till your return, so pray deal with him according to equity and good conscience. Whitehall,* 21 *May* 1658. [1 *page, copy.*]

July 20. Order—on a report from the Admiralty Judges on the case—to request his Highness to order Mr. Frost to pay Lazaro 12*s.* a week till further notice, and for Council to write to Capt. Stoakes to give a speedy account of the case. [*I.* 78. *p.* 759.]

July 20. Whitehall. Council to Capt. Stoakes, commander-in-chief of the fleet in the Mediterranean. Lazarus, an Armenian Christian, complains of your seizing his cochineal. The Admiralty Commissioners report that it was laden at Santa Cruz in the Mary Elizabeth of Terveer, Zealand, Jacob Wolphen, [or Wolfersen] commander, and was taken as Spanish goods near Cadiz by some of your fleet. We wish a particular account of the seizure, and the quantity and value of the goods, as speedily as possible, because His Highness has granted him a weekly pension meanwhile. [*I.* 78, *p.* 894.]

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At Hampton Court.

1. Rich. Cromwell, Skippon, and Mr. Comptroller to be added to the Committee on Militia business in the Isle of Wight.

3. The petition of Thos. Inning, mayor, and John Hall and Hen. Ringwood, burgesses of Newport, Isle of Wight, touching their claim to part of the moneys for which Lovel Scott has received satisfaction from the State, referred to Lord Sydenham, at his being in the island, to send for the parties concerned, examine the petitioners' pretences, and report.

4. The Committee on the tax on ale and beer in Edinburgh to

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5. The petition and paper of information of William, Lord Cranston, referred to the clerks of Council, to peruse the Acts and Ordinances relating to that business, and state the case to Council at their next meeting.

7. The petition of Fras. Lenthall and Jn. Wolfrey, executor of Nathan Wright,—shewing that Wright and Lenthall being collectors for the Plymouth duty during the late war, the petitioners are now required to account before the Treasury Commissioners, and pray allowance for several demands, *viz.*, for lawsuit charges, 66*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*; for interest of 5,000*l.* lent to the State from 25 March 1646 to May 1646, 73*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; for collection of the duty, 30*l.* 8*s.* 3½*d.*; in all, 169*l.* 19*s.* 7½*d.*—referred to the said Treasury Commissioners, to examine the grounds of demand, and report if they should be allowed.

His Highness present.

8. Order on a certificate from Abr. Barrington, auditor of imprest, concerning disbursements past and future of Kinnersley for entertainment of the Duc de Crequy and M. Mancini, French Ambassadors, of which charges 1,098*l.* 15*s.* 9¾*d.* remains unpaid (500*l.* being paid), to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the said sum to Frost, who is to issue it to Kinnersley, or as much as appears due to him on passing his account; the Lord Chamberlain, Sydenham, and Mr. Comptroller to speak with Kinnersley concerning some abatement in the allowances of 60*l.* to himself as steward, 40*l.* to Mr. Ashwell as clerk of the kitchen, and 40*l.* to Mr. Mushee as master cook.

9. Mr. Secretary, Jones, Strickland, Lisle, Lord Chamberlain, Sydenham, Fleetwood, and Skippon to consider a proposal to renew the charter of Tewksbury, speak with counsel, and prepare a draft charter.

11. After this week, Council to meet every Tuesday at London, and every Thursday at Hampton Court.

12. The Committee on the petition of the Merchant Adventurers to meet next Tuesday at 3 p.m., and notice to be given to both parties to attend with their witnesses; Rich. Cromwell and Lisle added to the Committee.

13. The Army Committee to order the War-treasurers to issue a month's pay to Maj.-Gen. Bridge's regiment of horse. Approved in person.

14. The paper from Thos. Lock, his Highness's patentee for the Mines Royal in co. Derby, referred to the Committee on the petitions of the Earl of Rutland and Lock, who are to speak with the Earl's agents and Lock, and endeavour to bring about some agreement, in order to a trial of the ore in question. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 756–760.]

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44. Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Navy Commissioners. I received yours, with a certificate of the provisions sent in the Sarah, and have appointed Jno. Hempson to issue the same to the several ships with me, taking their receipts, and to send an account, which goes

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herewith. The ½ fish [money] wanting to complete this proportion I have already paid to the men, which I took up of Capt. Young, and gave him a bill; I desire it may be reimbursed. [1 *page.*]

July 22. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

At Hampton Court.

1. The order of 8 June, on the petition of John Warre for the late regiment of Philip, Lord Jones, for payment of 1,150*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* from fee farm rents yet unsold to be discovered by him, enlarged to fee farm rents and lands forfeited for treason, to be discovered by Warre and Nich. Hughes.

3. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Rich. Crofts [*see* 6 *July* 1658], that he be allowed to transport 2 hds. of shoes ready made to Dunkirk or Mardike, the Customs' Commissioners taking care that no more be transported, and he giving security to send them there, and obtaining a certificate from Amb. Lockhart that they are landed and disposed of in one of the said garrisons. *Annexing,*

45. *Report alluded to, that the transport thereof would be much to the benefit of the army; and note by Crofts requesting leave for 4 hds.* 19 *July* 1658. [⅔ *page.*]

4. The Mardike Committee to consider a fit proportion of shoes for the forces in Flanders, and how they may be supplied and despatched, that the State may not be prejudiced or defrauded.

5. The petition of the merchants, clothiers, and others concerned in the manufacture of wool in and around Exeter, and a paper of reasons against the incorporation of merchants trading in Germany and the Netherlands, read, debated, and some of the petitioners called in, and informed that, as the matter has been before settled on several hearings, Council can do no more therein.

7. The petition of the above, shewing that several quantities of wool have been imported by persons living on the coast, contrary to several Statutes, and to the defrauding of Customs and damage of the native manufacture, referred to Jn. Ashe, Jn. Harrington, Fras. Rolle, Ant. Nicholas, Ant. Rous, Art. Upton, Thos. Bampfeild, Symon Snowe, Hen. Hatsell, Phil. Francis, Jn. Whitvay, of Dorchester, and Edw. Boteler, of co. Dorset, to examine the matter, call witnesses, and ascertain what quantity of wool has been so imported, by whom and from whence, and certify the true state of the case.

9. Lieut.-Col. Jn. Nelson's petition referred to the Irish Committee, to report.

10. Order on Mr. Secretary's report of letters from Geo. Downing, Resident in the United Provinces, that 150*l.* a year be settled on 2 English ministers in the Low Countries, to be disposed of by Downing as his Highness shall direct. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 761–764.]

July 22. **46.** Order by the Commissioners for ignorant and scandalous Ministers, &c., in the East Riding of co. York, appointing Rich. Medley, of Santon, registrar of the profits of the vicarage and

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and schoolmaster, to 25 March next, unless another minister be appointed meantime, he giving in his accounts. [1 *page.*]

July 22. Sec. Thurloe to Capt. Whitstone, commander of the Fairfax, in the Straits. I am sorry you meet with any disrespect from the captains of the fleet. They do not consult their own interests, nor show their duty to his Highness, by dishonouring one so nearly related to him. I am no judge of what is fit about the wearing of the flag, but in an expedition where the English squadron was to join with the fleet of another nation, the flag should so be carried as to show that the English are not under their command. However that question is at an end, for the French having laid aside their design, there will be no need of ships of ours to assist them; therefore, any orders from Capt. Stoakes or others notwithstanding, you are no further to attend that service, but to follow orders for any other, without looking after the French. Let me know your condition, and I will serve you. [1 *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

July 25. London. Levant Company to Nath. Luke, consul at Tituan. We are sorry for the injury to yourself and the people there by Erlsman's miscarriage in breaking his contracts with them, deceiving you of your dues, and seeming to ground his dishonesty on the company's directions. We disclaim his actions as false, unjust, and tending to the reproach of Christianity, which ought to be tenderly regarded by its professors, especially in the view of infidels. We will prevent rash exorbitance where we can. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 310.]

July 27. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Warrants from Council signed by the Lord-President to be sufficient authority to Frost to pay Col. Roseworm and others. Approved 30 Sept.

2. To advise that Col. Adrian Scroope have leave to come to England and stay 3 months, any former order notwithstanding.

3. The petition of Jas. Phillips, John Adams, and John Fowler, merchants, concerning the office of alnage of old and new draperies in England and Wales, granted by King James to Lodovick, Duke of Lenox, referred to Richard Cromwell, Mr. Secretary, Strickland, Lord Chamberlain, Fiennes, Fleetwood, Skippon, Jones, and Lisle, to hear all parties concerned, and report.

4. On Fleetwood's report of his Highness's desire that Council will declare how many men are wanted for next year's fleet, so that reasonable provision may be made for their victualling—order to empower the Admiralty Commissioners to provide 6 months' victuals for 30,000 men for next year's fleet.

5. Order on consideration of the Mediterranean trade, that a fleet be continued there of the same strength as formerly, for 6 months from Oct. 1, 1658, and that his Highness be advised to give order to the Admiralty Commissioners for victuals accordingly, and for victuals from now till October, and for calling in defective ships and sending substitutes, so as to continue a force equal to that now there.

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6. Desborow, Lisle, Fleetwood, Richard Cromwell, Jones, Mr. Secretary, and Strickland to speak with merchants trading in the Mediterranean, concerning the above fleet continued for their protection, and report.

7. Order—on Fleetwood's report of his Highness's desire for immediate provision of 6,000*l.* for Amb. Lockhart, to defray the charges of works in Dunkirk garrison—that Richard Cromwell, Lisle, Skippon, and Mr. Comptroller, treat with fit persons to lend such a sum, and report, meeting this afternoon for the purpose.

8. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers to provide and send to Dunkirk, for defence of the garrison, 10 new carriages for great guns.

9. On report from the Committee on taxing ale and beer in Edinburgh—that, on considering the draft of the approbation formerly reported, they think Council should decide whether the clause concerning passing the same under the Great Seal be left out—order that it be left out, and "as far as the same is agreeable to law" advised for insertion instead, *viz.*:—

10. His Highness and Council approve, so far as it is according to law, the Act of the Common Council of Edinburgh of 4 June, ordaining that all persons buying or selling ale or beer in Edinburgh after August 1 shall pay the collectors 4*d.* Scotch for every Scotch pint, in order to pay the debts of the Corporation, amounting in principal and interest to 54,761*l.* 1*s.* 9¾*d.*

11. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners on Anne Hume's petition, to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay her 40*l.* a year.

12. On information that on the foot of the account of Alderman Fras. Allen, Sir Thos. Andrews, Alderman Fowke, Maurice Thompson, Alderman Eastwick, and others, formerly Customs' Commissioners, there remains some public money, of which 1,500*l.* is said to be in Fowke's hands, and that all but Fowke are willing to deliver up what they have in hand, and pray discharge from responsibility for what is in his hands—order that Richard Cromwell, Fleetwood, Lisle, Skippon, Mr. Comptroller, and Mr. Secretary hear the parties concerned, and state the case either to Council or the Treasury Commissioners.

13. To advise an order to Frost to pay 100*l.* to Ferdinando Parkhurst, who was appointed registrar under the Commissioners for Discoveries, but had no settled allowance. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 765–768.]

[July 27.] **47.** John Lockhart to Philip Lord Jones, of the Privy Council. As Lord Abercorn's case is to be presented to-day, I remind you of it, my brother's interest therein being considerable. [½ *page.*]

Annexing,

47. I. *Case between the creditors of the Duke of Hamilton and Lord Abercorn. That Duchess Anna having obtained the estate, and being bound to pay the creditors, they will lose if Abercorn and his creditors are allowed a claim*

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That the Earl was fully heard by the Judges of Exchequer, and his claim disallowed. He then appealed to the Protector and Council, but such appeals are not lawful except to Parliament, after decision of the supreme courts. Plea that the business should be left to the Lords of Session in Scotland, before whom it now depends. 27 *July* 1658. [1 *sheet, closely written.*]

July 29. **48.** Petition of Hen. Bishop to the Privy Council. By an order of the Protector of 25 Feb. last, I was admitted apothecary to Ely House, in place of the late Wm. Day, with his salary, &c., and continued therein by an order of 10 June. But though I do the work, I can receive no pay unless you ascertain my salary. There is great need of dispensing medicines, on account of the many soldiers sent from the army in Flanders and other parts, and sick soldiers not in the house send for me at all times, so that I am in constant attendance and danger of contagion. I beg the same salary as Day, with arrears from 25 Feb. last. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

48. I. *Order by the Protector for his admission as apothecary,* 25 *Feb.* 1657–8. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, copy.*]

48. II. *Order for his continuance, signed by the Protector, and with a seal,* 10 *July* 1658. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

48. III, IV. *Certificates by Dr. Fras. Barksdale of the fitness of Bishop for his office, and of the necessity of a dispenser and assistant in the hospital.* 9 *and* 28 *June* 1658. [2 *papers.*]

July 29. Order thereon for his payment as requested. [*I.* 78, *p.* 769.]

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At Hampton Court. His Highness present.

[The orders marked thus * were approved in person.]

1. The petition of the Perpetuanas bay and saymakers, weavers, kembers, tuckers, and fullers, and other inhabitants of Colchester, co. Essex, and that of the makers of new drapery in co. Suffolk, to be considered at Whitehall next Tuesday, and notice given to the presenters of the petition, and to the Governor and Company of Merchant Adventurers, that they may attend.

3.* Thos. Trapham to order despatch of 3 more surgeons for the wounded soldiers at Dover, with the same allowance as those formerly sent.

4.* **49.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order a convenient vessel or vessels to be ready at Weymouth on Aug. 26, to transport 200 soldiers to Flanders.

5.* John Armiger, now prisoner at Dover, to be liberated, on security to the governor of Dover Castle to return if ordered.

6.* The Trustees for the Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 60*l.* on Rice Powell, vicar of Broughton, co. Radnor.

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8. Order on a paper sent to Mr. Secretary in a letter from Gen. Monk, entitled, "The Testimony of the Presbytery of Jedborough," to prepare a draft letter to the Council in Scotland, according to this day's debate on the matter. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 765–770.]

July 29. [Admiralty Commissioners to Capt. Stoakes, commander of the Mediterranean fleet.] Note of receipt of letters that if the squadron is to continue in the Mediterranean, victuals should be sent; and if they did not arrive in time, the mariners' allowance would have to be retrenched.

We have yours of 1 July about Capt. Whitstone, and are troubled that he should give you just cause of complaint, but hope he will comply in future, as Mr. Secretary says he has returned back with the other ships under your immediate conduct, the service they were designed to being now over. Write us by next post to what port the ships and provisions now preparing shall be consigned, with most certainty to meet you. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, partial copy, French and English, French correspondence.*]

July 30.
Aug. 9.
Breda.

Lord Lieutenant the Marquis of Ormond to the King. Since I left Antwerp, I have spoken with the gentleman with much satisfaction, but fearing I might not repeat correctly to you what passed, I told him that next week you would be at Hogh-stract, and would be glad to converse with him. He told me his stay in these parts was uncertain, depending on information he might receive, but to have this known, he would lay aside any concerns of his own, and asked what day you would be at Hogh-stract. Pray inform me, and let me give you an account of what you commanded me, before you speak with him, that you may not be unprepared. If you receive no money at Brussels, pray bring no people with you who will expect money before you go thither again. Mr. Fox knows to a stiver what money you can depend upon. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

July 31.
Aug. 10.
Breda.

Lord Chancellor Hyde to the King. I hear from Rome that the Nuncio at Paris has written to the Pope that he is much censured in that Court for declaring so much in your favour, and has proposed to him, and much pressed the making an English bishop, and recommended Dr. Ellis, of whom I never heard, so that business which was laid aside a year since is in consultation there. This is the Cardinal's work. Pray speak with the Nuncio, and tell him it will be of ill consequence to those Catholics who wish you well, and must revive among them those factions which there were heretofore on that account. Desire him to write earnestly to Rome that there may be no English bishop made. Don Alonzo may be willing to write to the Spanish resident at Rome, for he cannot think a bishop recommended by Mazarin can be for his master's service. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

July 31.
Gloucester.

50. Jo. Beaman to Thos. Colclough, Cornhill, or John Jeffryes, St. Clement's-lane, London. Our hopeful proceedings are clouded,

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early, and found an armed multitude guarding the tobacco field. We broke through them and went into the town, but found no peace officer, but a rabble of men and women calling for blood for the tobacco, so that had there been any action, blood would have been spilt. The soldiers stood firm, and with cocked pistols, bade the multitude disperse, but they would not, and 200 more came from Winchcombe. Maj. Clarke is not come, and I want advice. Ten men could not in 4 days destroy the good tobacco about Cheltenham. The cornet would not act, and some of the county troop are dealers and planters. I was forced to retreat; the justices rather hinder than help us.

The soldiers say if this be suffered, farewell all levies and taxes, and farewell the Virginia trade for tobacco. I can do nothing till I hear from you. [1½ *pages.*]

July ? **51.** Petition of Thos. Delaval, merchant, to the Privy Council. I was sent over by Lord Lockhart, general and governor of his Highness's forces, towns, and forts in Flanders, to tender my conceit of the best means to improve the revenues of Dunkirk town and Mardike fort, without altering the articles of surrender. When I found you liked a proposition of farm, I made it on the 18th instant, and it depends before you.

But as the second month revolves, I must soon be back, to clear with the merchant importer, and account with officers there. I beg you to remit it to Lockhart to treat with me on the proposition, or to adjourn your deliberation till I can return at a time you fix. [⅔ *page.*]

July ? **52.** A. C[alander] to Williamson, Paris. Respects to M. George. Excuse me to my friends to whom I have not written. [⅔ *page, damaged.*]

Aug. 3. **53.** Petition of the master, wardens, and assistants of the Company of Woolmen in London to Privy Council. The Protector referred the petition of Wm. Piccard, a member of and entrusted by the Company, to sue for a proclamation for putting in execution statutes for the due winding and folding of wools, to prevent deceitful practices, to Council, who ordered the Attorney-General to prepare a draft of a proclamation, which he has done, but the Company is not so much as named therein, through Piccard's acting only in his own name, contrary to his trust. They beg insertion of their names, having been acknowledged in all former proclamations as a company of well wishers to the trade. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 3. **54.** Petition of Thos. Simons, graver of Mint seals and medals, to Council. A year ago, I presented you my account for coins, public seals for England, Scotland, and Ireland, divers medals and chains of gold, silver and gilt boxes and presses for the seals which I have made for the present Government, and I have since made a medal and chain value 120*l.*, and plate boxes 12*l.* 16*s.* I beg you to consider that I and my servants have wrought 5 years without recompense, and that the interest I have to pay for gold and silver eats up my profits. I beg payment of 1,028*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* due by Privy

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Seal, that I may pay my creditors, and an order for the 132*l.* 16*s.* on the present bill. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

54. I. *Bill for 2 silver boxes for the Swedish instrument, with the arms of his Highness and the Commissioners. Also medal and chain by order of Sec. Thurloe, for the agent of Portugal*—132*l.* 16*s.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Aug. 3. Order thereon that Desborow deal as effectually as he can with Mr. Sherwin for payment of the said money. [*I.* 78, *p.* 777.]

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1. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 200*l.* to Cols. Silvanus Taylor and Wm. Webb, in part of their dues for surveying lands for the State.

2. The Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 30*l.* on the minister of Bromham, co. Bedford. Approved 3 Nov.

4. The petition of Wm. Bruen, merchant, of Exeter, concerning his Highness's interest in concealed lands and tenements in co. Devon, worth 80*l.* a year, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to examine and report.

5. Order on a letter to Lord Desborow from Wm. Hawkins and Jn. Duncklyn, complaining that Maj. Spencer and Thos. Westby, 2 justices of peace for the West Riding of co. York, have refused the prosecuting and signing of 2 warrants concerning payment of excise, to write to each of them according to the usual tenor of letters written to justices about excise.

6. The Army Committee to order the War Treasurers to pay Thos. Davis, tentmaker, transferred from the establishment of Scotland, where he is of no use, to the establishment of England, the same salary as he had in Scotland. Approved 3 November.

8. The Merchant Adventurers to attend Council at 3 p.m., when Council will hear the business on the petition of persons concerned in the new draperies in Essex and Suffolk.

10. The report of the Customs' Commissioners on an order of 24 November 1657, concerning sums of money certified as due to the State on several parcels of tobacco sold by the Prize Goods' Commissioners, *viz.*:—951*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.*, the remains of 3,797*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* for a parcel sold by Jas. Wainwright and John Jeffries; and 1,109*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*, the remains of 8,829*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* for a parcel sold to John Day and transferred to Wainwright and Jeffries; and 1,800*l.*, the remains of 3,040*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* for a parcel sold to Gowen Goldegay, in trust for Jos. Drue, who transferred it to Day, and he to Wainwright and Jeffries—with the reasons therein contained for charging the said sums on Wainwright and Jeffries, as debts due to the State, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to order the sums to be got in.

11, 12. The petitions of Sam. Dorman, citizen and merchant tailor of London, and of Dalston Shafto, of Shafto, co. Northumberland, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to examine and report.

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13. The report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning several Dutch ships and lading seized at Barbadoes by Capt. Mings of the Marston Moor, referred to Dr. Walker, to consider it and the papers annexed, and report by Thursday next.

14. Like order on the petition of Ninian Williamson, merchant of London.

16. Order granting the petition of Martyn Noel for a power to collect the excise on salt, and salt upon salt, in Scotland.

18. On request of the Merchant Adventurers, who plead that the company cannot meet so soon to prepare their defence against the petition of persons concerned in new draperies in Essex and Suffolk, order to put off hearing the business till 9 next Friday, when both parties are to have notice to attend.

19. Council to meet at Whitehall at 9 a.m. on Friday.

20. The petition of John Clarke, apothecary-general to the army in Ireland, to be considered at the next meeting of Council.

21. The report on behalf of Capt. Jonas Poole to be considered next sitting.

23. Order on petition of Maj. Robt. Doughty and his partner, Excise Commissioners for ale and beer, &c., in co. Essex,—complaining that according to the late additional Act of Parliament, they applied to Jn. Innis and Edm. Whitefoot, justices of peace for Maldon, for a warrant against Thos. Holland, a common brewer, for 50*l.* fine, payable by him for resisting the entrance of the search officers, and giving out beer after notice to the contrary, which warrant the justices refused to sign,—to write to the justices to sign it, and give account of their reason for refusal. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 771–778.]

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Whitehall.

President Lawrence to the Lord President and Council in Scotland. Through the prudent care of Gen. Monk, his Highness and Council have received and read "The Testimony of the Presbytery of Jedborough," and find it deserving of their strongest censure, being an eminent affront and dishonour to the State, as containing a protest against an Act of Parliament of the greatest solemnity,—*viz.*, the Act of Settlement,—and tending to the disturbance of the peace, and on both grounds, amounting to a boldness which this State neither can nor will pass by without bearing witness against it. They therefore approve the transmitting of the paper, and doubt not but it is communicated to you. You are therefore to summon the subscribers to the paper, and reprimand them severely, ordering them to abandon such courses, and to attend to their flocks diligently in future, without meddling with matters so much above their cognizance, and by a humble and holy walking, to endeavour the improvement of truth and godliness in the hearts and lives of their people. This will be the best way to reform those sinful liberties and errors they seem to fear. You are to advise them to a course more suitable to their profession.

You are also to inquire, by particular scrutiny, if the paper really did arise, as it professes to have done, from ground of conscience or from other grounds. You are to have a vigilant eye on the actings

of this and other societies holding the same principles, and advertise what you observe of concern to the State. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 774–775.]

Aug. 3. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Maj. Spencer, justice of peace in the West Riding of co. York. Council hearing that, after you had signed a warrant against several persons within the Wapentake of Straford and Tickle, for payment of 40*s.* fine each, for not giving in bond with sufficient surety for payment of excise, upon application from them, you countermanded the execution thereof, and refused to sign another warrant for second offences, whereby the collection of excise is hindered, thinks fit to acquaint you with their complaint, and to inform you of their disapproval of your proceedings, and admonish you, considering the importance of that revenue, to carry out the law rigorously in future, and submit to them your reasons for your late conduct, and the state of the business concerning the said warrants. [*I.* 78, *p.* 896.]

Aug. 3. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Thos. Westby, justice of peace for West Riding of co. York. Council hears that on application from the excise collectors, you refused to sign a warrant for levying money due for second offences against the Act concerning excise, and thus hindered the collection of this revenue. They admonish you in future to render your best assistance herein, and report to them your reasons for acting as you have done. [*I.* 78, *p.* 896.]

Aug. 3. Toulon. **55.** Capt. J. Whitstone to the Admiralty Commissioners. On 12 July last, I gave you an account of my being left here with a squadron to assist the French fleet in their intended expedition. All that has been since done has been nothing but the whole fleet making a show before Marseilles, which town was then in a mutiny, but since quiet. The Admiral, at his departure from us, left us with three months' provisions, whereof five weeks' is already spent, and yet no appearance of the remove of this fleet, our merchants meantime not only suffering very much, but the enemy growing more and more numerous and insolent every day. Our tar, pitch, and ropes are all spent, and my powder is very bad and defective, having but 60 or 70 barrels left. I have been forced to be at a greater expense of powder than any man in the fleet, as ever since I came into the Straits, I have commanded parties from port to port, as also been forced to receive the visits of the greatest persons of honour in this and other parts where I have been, only as respecting my relation to his Highness, therefore I beg a supply.

I wait here in expectation of the advance of the French fleet, which, all things considered, I fear will not be this summer; therefore I desire direction, for I know not when or where I shall meet with the Admiral, he being gone for Tripoli, and the squadron left without money or credit. The enemy is grown more numerous, being in all 22 sail, and of good force. I am sorry an opportunity of finding them out is not offered. [1 *page.*]

[Aug. 5.] **56, 57.** Petition of Capt. Jonas Poole, late commander of the Swiftsure, and last of the Unicorn, to the Protector. I was ordered out of my own richly-laden ship by Capt. Badiley, commander in the Straits, and Mr. Longland, and was put on board the Leopard, late

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Capt. Appleton's, and thus I was unable to secure the merchants' goods. I was then sent agent to Venice, to treat about fitting our merchant ships there for the State's service, which I accomplished at cost and hazard of life, and armed and manned those ships. Then Badiley had my ship, the Mary Rose, unladen of the merchandize (which should have been brought to London, and was left with none to take care of it), and fitted for a man-of-war, and brought her to England, where the merchants put me to law for my freight, and made me accountable for 500*l.*, value of the goods lost. I beg relief therein. With reference 23 April 1658 to the Admiralty Commissioners; their reference 17 June 1658 to the Navy Commissioners; report of the Admiralty Commissioners 15 July 1658 that Poole should be repaid the said 500*l.*, and further reference to Privy Council 19 July 1658. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

57. I. *Detailed statement by Capt. Poole of his case, his transactions in the Straits; return to England, where he offered his services to Gens. Blake and Penn, who gave him the command of the Swiftsure; his voyage to the West Indies, where he lost 2 sons by sickness, and was himself ill a year after his return through over-exertion; and his appointment as vice-admiral to Capt. Stoakes, in which post he continued till Dec.* 1657. *He has lost 3 times the value named in his petition, and is willing to embrace any service laid on him.* [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 5. Order on his petition in Council for a warrant for payment of the 500*l.* [*I.* 78. *p.* 778.]

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At Hampton Court.

2, 6. Two letters from Lord Amb. Lockhart from Dunkirk, with 2 papers enclosed, one called "A declaration of the weights of the balance," the other "A book of rates of customs;" referred by the Protector to the Mardike Committee, to consult with Mr. Delaval and report.

3. **58.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers to send from the Tower to Dunkirk 1,000 collars of bandoleers for the garrison.

4. The Mardike Committee to consider how to provide 1,000 beds and coverlets for the soldiers of Mardike and Dunkirk garrisons, and despatch them.

5. Also to consider the matter of M. de Cezi's debt, mentioned by Amb. Lockhart, and report what should be done.

7. Also to consider the petition of René Augier, late resident in France, and the copy of the decree annexed, and report.

8. Also to consider how much of the 8,000*l.* borrowed for the service at Dunkirk should be sent to Lord Lockhart, and whether it should be sent in specie, and order its despatch up to 6,000*l.*

9. Nye, Griffith, and Caryll to confer with Edw. Furnis, and report their opinion concerning his fitness for an appointment as preacher of the gospel.

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10. Plymouth, not Weymouth, to be the meeting place of several ships ordered last Thursday to be ready on 16 Aug., to carry recruits to Flanders.

12. Mr. Secretary to offer to Council this day week a list of all such injuries received by the English from the Dutch as have come to his cognizance.

13. The report from the Committee of Council of the persons suitable to be Commissioners and assistants for ejection of scandalous Ministers and Schoolmasters in North Wales approved, *viz.*, 7 named in co. Denbigh, 2 in co. Montgomery, 7 in co. Merioneth, 8 in co. Carnarvon, and 2 in co. Anglesea; also the following ministers as assistants:—John Williams, John Evans of Oswestry, Rich. Edwards, Griffith Jones of Dolgelly, and John Lloyd of Newborough. Approved 3 November.

14. Sir John Berkstead to liberate Thos. Wynne, who was apprehended and secured in the Tower on an information exhibited against him, on security to return when required, and meantime not to act against the Government.

15. Order—on Martin Noel's second petition for a commission under the Great Seal of Scotland for leave to collect excise on salt, and salt upon salt, in Scotland, according to the contract confirmed under the Great Seal—that Scobell prepare a draft order accordingly.

16. Col. Nelson's petition to be considered to-morrow. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 778–782.

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The Newcastle, 4 leagues N.W. from the Meuse.

59. Capt. Edw. Curtis to Gen. Montague, the Naseby, Downs. Thanks for the provisions sent, which were very acceptable both to me and Capt. Groves. I have sent 14 of my sick men home by Capt. Bowry, and have a great many more who have the scurvy, but am forced to keep them, wanting many of my number, and the Drake cannot spare above 10. I will proceed to the Naze, off Norway, to look after the pickeroons mentioned, and will then move according to what I hear from the merchant ships. I have used my best endeavours to find the persons mentioned in your order, by searching all ships I met, but without success. I also chased 5 Holland men-of-war, and sent my lieutenant on board one of them, the captain of which told him they came from the Texel to cruise about the coast, and was very civil, but inquisitive about the English fleet. Peter Declod was captain of their admiral, which was a new ship of 56 guns, and the other 4 had 40 or 50 apiece. I saw 2 of them the next day following me, but as soon as I made to them they tacked about, and I judge they have since gone in. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

59. I. *Account of his remains of provisions,* 5 *Aug.* [*Scrap.*]

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Brussels.

60. Grant by the King to Wm. Quatremaine, M.D., of the office of one of the physicians in ordinary, as soon as the King's family shall be settled. Signed by the King, and sealed and countersigned

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Aug. 6. **61.** Sir Rob. Walsh to the King. I beg you to consider what is here laid before you, and my zeal and innocency, and not be angry that I press to obtain justice. I have often offered my life for your interests, and would do so had I a thousand lives, so be not displeased at my defending my honour and honesty against the calumnies of my enemies, who have never appeared before justice to give information against me. Had I not been ever loyal, those against whom I have openly declared would not have let me rest all this time. Some will say I am bold, but I have a clear conscience and perfect loyalty; I could endure hanging, burning, nay damnation itself, if I ever did you disservice. There was never found the least untruth in what I represented to you, yet I have lain here in misery 18 months, and cannot get a word from my own King, though my petitions would fill a little volume.

Pray consider me as a man and a Christian, and do not hear those who wish to retard justice.

It is true that I have refused all favour as to my imprisonment, depending on justice. Grace belongs to rogues and traitors, and is not requisite for me. Be pleased to send hither Sec. Nicholas, Lord Wentworth or Gerard, or Sir Edw. Walker, to tell me where lies my fault, and hear my answer, and then, in spite of my enemies, I shall stand well with you. I hope your justice, as you have allowed the *surintendant de la justice militaire* to enquire about me, and Don John has certified his pleasure therefor. As for what I wrote to Mr. Fox, consider my hunger and poverty; also, that I must have believed what you said, Fox being well at his ease, and I under an unheard of prosecution; but as that has given you discontent, I humbly beg your pardon. [3 *pages, noted as received* 9 *Aug.*]

Aug. $\frac{10}{20}$. Toulon. **62.** Capt. J. Whitstone to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send copy of my letter of the 3rd inst.; since then, on advice given by Jno. Aldworth, agent at Marseilles, that divers barks and brigantines of Majorca annoyed those coasts, as also by Capt. Ell, commander of the Little Lewis, of a merchantman being chased by 6 others into the harbour, and on an assurance of the impossibility of the removal of the French fleet in any considerable time, I sent out the Bristol, Hampshire, Phoenix, and Kent, to put some stop to their proceedings; but they are only to stay out 15 days. I hope shortly to hear some good news from them. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 11. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

Capt. Fras. Messervey exhibited an appeal, dated 27 May 1658, of Thos. Robert to his Highness and Council, from a sentence in the Court of Cattle in Jersey, in an action wherein he was plaintiff and Thos. Richard defendant. [*I.* 78. *p.* 782.]

Aug. 12. **63.** Petition of John Embree, surveyor, to the Protector. Bought from the Trustees for sale of Crown Lands a little ruinous house near Wallingford House, and had to buy in the interest of an existing lease. As it is pretended that the premises were formerly

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reported part of Whitehall, though they have not been used for many years, and he paid a large sum for them, begs a 99 years' lease thereof at a peppercorn rent. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 12. Order thereon advising the lease, with such covenants as Lords Fleetwood and Desborow, the Earl of Mulgrave, and Mr. Comptroller shall direct. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 785, 786.]

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2. A letter ordered to the Council in Scotland, to assist and countenance Martin Noel and his deputies in the collection of the excise on salt in Scotland.

3, 4. On report about the 5 Dutch ships seized by Capt. Mings in the Barbadoes, order that the Admiralty Court proceed against 4 of them, *viz.*, the Mary, Three Cranes, John Baptista, and Hope, the fifth, *viz.*, the Charity, being already referred to the Admiralty Judges, and that Desborow, Montague, Strickland, Mr. Secretary, and Mr. Comptroller, confer with the Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker, and order speedy proceeding in the Admiralty Court against the said ships; also confer with Dr. Walker on his report on the ship Mary.

6. The matter concerning new draperies in Essex and Suffolk to be considered next Thursday, and notice given to the Merchant Adventurers to attend.

7. Approval of an order of the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers of 25 Dec. last, for severing Petersfield chapelry, with sundry houses, tithes, and lands specified, from Buriton parish, the new living to be in the gift of the patron of Buriton, and endowed with the aforesaid tithes, &c., and Petersfield Chapel to be the meeting place, the first fruits and tenths to be paid by the respective incumbents proportionately. Proviso that nothing herein impeach the settlement made on Sir Peter Wentworth, present incumbent of Buriton. Approved by the Protector 3 Nov.

8. The following augmentations granted by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers approved:—

			£	s.	d.
Worcester,	to the minister of	Grimley - -	50	0	0
Wilts	,, ,,	Peter's in Marlborough	26	0	0
Stafford	,, ,,	Seighford - -	20	0	0
Derby	,, ,,	Buxton -	32	13	4
Hertford	,, ,,	Southmims - -	40	0	0
Gloucester	,, ,,	Elberton	20	0	0
Warwick	,, ,,	Henley in Aerden -	30	0	0

Approved by the Protector 3 Nov.

9. Rich. Cromwell, Fleetwood, Desborow, Lisle, Montague, Lord Chamberlain, Strickland, Wolsley, Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Secretary, Skippon, Fiennes, Sydenham, Rous, and Mulgrave, to consider how Council may receive satisfaction concerning the conveniency of passing the orders presented to-day, for uniting and severing parishes, and other like orders before they are approved by them, and to report.

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10. On a letter from Gen. Monk of 21 Jan. last, concerning Thos. Dixon and Thos. Nelson, persons condemned in Scotland;—order to advise his Highness to pardon them, on condition that they sail to Barbadoes, and never return to England, Scotland, or Ireland.

11. Sir Jn. Berkstead to allow Maj. Harlow, prisoner in the Tower, to go with his keeper to Mr. Symball's house in Chelsea Fields, to visit Jas. Stanley, who lies sick there.

12. The Army Committee to consider how to advance 3 months' pay to Lord Rich. Cromwell and Col. Twistleton's regiments, for their march to Scotland, and order the War-treasurers to advance it.

14. To advise an order to Frost to pay Chas. Huett the 20*l.* which he paid to Thos. Knight on May 15, for a special service concerning the late insurrection.

16. The report from the Committee on the Treasury Commissioners' report on Jn. St. Aubyn's petition, concerning St. Michael's Mount, referred back to the same Committee, to speak again with St. Aubyn, and report.

18. **64.** Order on Lord Bourdeaux's request for dispatch of 24 lb. bullets to the French forces besieging Gravelines—that the Admiralty Commissioners order the Ordnance officers to send to Dunkirk 2,000 24 lb. bullets, and deliver them to whom Lord Lockhart shall appoint, and that Lockhart dispose of the bullets to fit persons at suitable rates.

19. Approval of the division recommended by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, of the parish of Minchin Hampton, co. Gloucester, from the chapelry of Rodbrough, which shall be endowed with all its own proper profits. Approved by the Protector 3 Nov. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 783–791, 806.]

Aug. 12. Proclamation by the Protector. Whereas by indenture of 14 Jan. last, we granted to Martin Noel and Hen. Quintin, from 25 March, the rates and duties of excise and new impost on all salt, native or inland, foreign or imported, and all salt upon salt, in Scotland and the Orkney and Shetland islands, for 5 years, with saving of the term of the present farmers, and authorized them to collect the same; and whereas, by an order of Council printed 22 July 1655, and since confirmed by Parliament, it was decreed that the said rates should be levied according to the Ordinance in force in England 2 Sept. 1654; and whereas Hen. Quintin has since died, whereby the whole right has devolved on Martin Noel:—We hereby constitute him and his deputies Commissioners and Governors of the said excise, on expiration of the term of the former farmers, to levy the said duties within the said territories, and we require our Excise and Chancery officers in Scotland to have the same passed under the Great Seal of Scotland. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 783–785.]

[Aug. 12.] **65.** John Smyth to his friends. Long discourse against self-indulgence, gluttony, and luxury, giving Scripture illustrations, *e.g.*, Herod, Belshazzar, the rich man, the prophets of Baal who lived at Jezebel's table, and the Popish priests who are at rich men's feasts. Exhortation to abstinence from fleshly lusts, taken from the

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teaching of Christ and his Apostles; also against frivolous amusements, which are not suppressed by those in authority—Wm. Grigg, "a member of your council," in his book, speaks against wicked toleration.

There is a general complaint of deadness of trade, losses by sea and land, and scarcity; should people spend money in feast and on dress, when so many want food? You speak of feasts to relieve the poor, but it is well if the money left long since for the poor be given to them, and not to feasts.

As for the sermon which should unite you in love, I desire the Lord to turn you from your evil ways, or your prayers will not be answered.

As for your pretended charity, by giving out the tickets, you sound your trumpet in the streets like the Pharisees, instead of not letting your left hand know what your right hand does.

You call these things "renewing of friendship and neighbourly society," but they are an abomination to the Lord, who abhors your calling of assemblies and solemn meetings. If the ministers of Christ, who should be pure and blameless, commit these things, the curse of God will be on them. Spend your money no longer for that which is not bread. The Lord open the eyes of your understanding, to know the things that belong to your everlasting peace. With numerous marginal Scripture references. [3 *pages.*]

Aug. $\frac{15}{25}$. Brussels. [Sec. Nicholas] to the King. I send you as ordered the King of France's last mark, which I found in your closet. I spoke yesterday with James about the stag; he told me the keepers had been several days abroad and shot several times, but had not killed any; they hope better luck. I said nothing to James about bringing the hounds to you, and now I shall tell him to keep himself and the hounds ready, but not to stir to the Hogh Straet without further order. I am sorry you had no game to exercise your hawks, but when the corn is down, more partridges may be found.

I send you the Latin pass for an English gentleman, which you commanded me to prepare.

A French caper has been taken at Middleburg, with 2 commissions for France and for Portugal; it is to be proceeded against strictly according to law, which renders all ships that have 2 commissions pirates. I hear that at Amsterdam there has been an execution on a like occasion.

There have been 7 or 8 English colliers brought into Flushing by an Ostender, but there was a placard there published the 2nd of this month, that no prizes or commodities belonging to them be sold upon public order.

Lately very many priests and Jesuits have gone from Zealand for England. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ *pages, draft, Flanders correspondence.*]

Aug. 17. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. On information that a person came last night to town, to the Falcon in Perpoole-lane, and there uttered words which render him suspected, order that the serjeant-at-arms apprehend him, and bring him before Council this afternoon.

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2. Fleetwood, Mr. Secretary, Desborow, and Mr. Comptroller to examine him, and report.

3. The Committee on Money to speak with the Customs' and Excise Commissioners, concerning what sums are standing out on either of those receipts, and how they may be got in.

4. Col. Robt. Guibon to take order for despatch to Dunkirk of a troop of horse under Maj. Nicholas, as soon as he is ready, according to former orders; and his Highness to be advised to order the Treasury Commissioners to advance Frost 400*l.* to settle Guibon's bills for the charges of the transport.

7. The whole matter of new draperies heard, the answer to the petition made by Lord Pack for the fellowship of Merchant Adventurers read, and consideration deferred till next Thursday.

8. Wm. Ashburnham, now a prisoner in Guernsey, to be removed to Carisbrook Castle for his health.

9. **66.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers to despatch to Gen. Monk in Scotland 20 tons of match, for use of the forces there.

10. The Governor of Hull to liberate Jn. Jefferson, late servant to Sir Hen. Slingsby, and to send up to Council a bond from a merchant of Hull, to Henry, second son of Sir Hen. Slingsby.

11. Mr. Mason, Lord Percy's servant, to have liberty to come from France to England, to solicit a suit of great value, wherein his attendance is necessary, and to stay till further order. Moved by Viscount Lisle.

12. The petition of Thos. Norris and Sarah his wife, and Susan Tubbin, widow,—for consideration for the great loss Sarah sustained by the common enemy for her adherence to the public cause, and of the loss sustained by Susan's husband in France in the State's service, and praying a grant of half the profits of a discovery of treasure hid in the ground in co. Somerset, presented by John Edwards, Jno. Woodland, John Mercer, the petitioner Sarah, and Joan Green,—referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to examine the matter and act, or in case of difficulty, report.

14. Order on report of the state of the account of Maj.-Gen. Thos. Kelsey and Capt. Hen. Hatsell,—whereby it appears that sums were paid to them for use of the forces sent into France under Sir John Reynolds, amounting to 5,450*l.* (details given)—that the account be proved and passed, and Kelsey and Hatsell give Jessop a receipt, and be themselves discharged from all further responsibility concerning that account; and that of the 222*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* remaining due to the State on their account, each receives 50*l.*, and they return Jessop the balance. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 791–796.]

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67. Rear-Admiral Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Satisfaction has arrived with 5 East India ships, and as she has but 2 days' victuals on board, I will supply her out of this or some other ship in the Downs, until I receive your order as to her victualling and disposal. The Dartmouth has also come in, and I have appointed her with a convoy to Morlaix, and then to ply in

the Narrow for 14 days. I received the enclosed intelligence by the Wakefield, which ship is very foul, and has only a week's victuals. Two ships have passed through from Leghorn, and report that they left there in company with the Guinea and Kent, who were bound for Marseilles, and that Capt. Stoakes was there, refitting and cleaning. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

67. I. *Extract of a letter from the* [*captain of the*] *Bridgwater before Gravelines,* 17 *Aug.* 1658. *This afternoon my boat came aboard from the shore, with the intelligence that last night they fastened both their underminers under the wall of each side the town, and are very well entered, and are like to make a very speedy despatch if they do not surrender, for their bridges are all ready, and their faggots to heave into the moat. This morning, about* 10 *o'clock, they in the town sounded a parley, and Marshal Le Forte sent his trumpeter; what the issue of it is I know not, but there has not gone off any great guns since, and I hope it will not stand out long. Don John of Austria is within* 6 *leagues of them, with* 14,000 *horse. I am in hopes I shall send you news very speedily of the surrender, or else the storming of it, for they will not give them long time to consider of it.* [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 19. **68.** Petition of Timothy Whiting, surveyor of the land waiters for the Customs in London, to the Protector and Council. Seized 100 tons of West Indian logwood or blockwood worth 15,000*l.*, imported from the Canaries in a Holland bottom, and obtained leave from the Customs' Commissioners to place it in warehouses belonging to the State, and exhibited an information in the Exchequer 12 July last. The goods were only to be delivered by order in writing, under two or more of the Commissioners' hands, yet Antonio Ferdinando Caravajal, combining with Sam. Swinock, merchant, and others, procured possession thereof by force, having first, by colour of an Admiralty process, arrested and imprisoned petitioner two or three days in obscure places.

Begs that Ferdinando and his confederates may be summoned, and ordered to restore the logwood. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

68. I. *Extracts from a Statute of* 23 *Eliz., prohibiting the use of logwood and blockwood in dyeing cloth, and authorizing its seizure if imported.* [1 *page.*]

68. II., III. *List of numerous witnesses to prove the several points of the petition.* [2 *copies.*]

68. IV., V. *Notes of depositions taken thereon.* 24 *Aug.* 1658. [2 *papers.*]

Aug 19. Order thereon in Council for the summons as requested for Tuesday next, when the petitioner and the Customs' Commissioners are to attend. [*I.* 78, *p.* 296.]

Aug. 19. **69.** Petition of Capt. John Lyes to the Protector. Having served through the wars, been plundered of 300*l.*, and wounded, and had late losses by pirates in trading to Ireland, I have to apply for help

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and confirmation of your former order [*see* 10 *July* 1656], that I may have my arrears of pay from discoveries in England. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 19. Order confirming the former order granted. [*I.* 78, *p.* 797.]

[Aug. 19.] **70.** Petition of John Wells, minister in Tewksbury, co. Gloucester, to Council. I attended you last winter for 2 months about a malignant lecturer put in upon me. Somewhat was determined therein, which I could never see; so three weeks after, that I might get to know the determination, I appointed Thos. Holtham to stop Mr. Hopkins at the church door, whilst he was coming to preach his lecture on a Tuesday. Upon this, although Hopkins preached, Holtham was imprisoned by Thos. Jeenes, bailiff of the town, on the Act for Disturbing of Ministers on the Lord's Day, and was indicted on the Act in the town Court, and stands bound to answer the indictment at the next sessions.

I beg that I may not be so abused and oppressed, and that such a lecturer, so malignant and disturbing, may be removed. [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. 19. Reference thereon to Capts. Wm. Neast and John Crofts, and Major John Wade, to send for the parties and try to accommodate the matter, and put an end to further trouble. [*I.* 78, *p.* 803.]

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At Hampton Court. His Highness present.

2. Order on information that Col. Rob. Guibon has arrested George, Duke of Buckingham, that he convey him to the Tower, and deliver him to Sir Jn. Berkstead.

3. Mr. Ashburnham, prisoner in Guernsey, to be removed to Windsor Castle, instead of to Carisbrook as ordered 17 August.

4. Order on report from the Clerks of Council on the matter referred to them Aug. 7, 1657 concerning Alex. Turner's petition about his charges of 21*l.* 6*s.* for clearing the river running through Hampton Court Park—that Frost pay him the said sum.

6. The report from the Committee on the petition of Archibald, Marquis of Argyle, for exemption from some duties to the Exchequer in Scotland, amounting to 392*l.* a year, referred back to the same Committee, to consider it further on to-day's debate, and report.

7. On information that Robt. Baxter, apprehended for a highwayman, and for being engaged in the late horrid design, and to be tried at the sessions at Newgate, has offered to discover many other persons similarly engaged, order that the Lord Mayor, Lord Tichborne, Lord Berkstead, and Mr. Recorder, examine Baxter, and if they find his discoveries probable, report them.

9. On certificate from the Customs' Commissioners concerning Wm. Ramsden, merchant of York, and his prosecuting Thos. Edwards and Thos. Thorowgood, 2 Customs' officers at Hull, and preventing them from exercising their duties, because they seized 256 single pounds of cloth belonging to Ramsden, above what was entered and custom paid, for which an information is exhibited, and a suit depending before the Barons of Exchequer—order that Ramsden attend Council in a fortnight, to answer the charges against him.

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10. Approval of an agreement made 7 June 1658, between George Hopkinson, the Earl of Rutland's agent, and Thos. Lock, his Highness's patentee for mines royal in co. Derby, concerning digging and searching for such mines in Nether Haddon Manor, agreed to by the Committee of Council on it, and made with consent of Sir Sackville Crowe for the earl, and of Mr. Lock, *viz.*:—

11. That for prevention of further disputes as to whether the mines be royal or no, and for avoiding further disturbance to the Earl, 3 pits or shafts 3 yds. square be sunk within $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile of the manor house, before 15 Nov. next, the Earl bearing $\frac{1}{3}$ and the patentee $\frac{2}{3}$ of the charges, the ore taken out, dressed, and delivered to the overseers, and 1 cwt. from each pit, taken without selection, sealed up, and sent to the Comptroller of the Mint to be kept till order is given for the trial. The overseers to be 8 named, 4 chosen by each party, and one assay master by each party. In case any of the ore proves to be mine royal, all the ore in the pit to be delivered to Lock, he compensating the Earl for damages; if not so adjudged, then to be delivered to the Earl's agent.

The miners to be chosen, $\frac{1}{3}$ by the Earl, and $\frac{2}{3}$ by the patentee, and to agree as to the hours of working, and when they are away, the pit to be locked up, and the overseers to keep the keys.

Neither Mr. Lock nor any other to claim anything in the said mines except under his Highness's patent for mines royal.

That the Earl may not be disturbed in his possession, it is agreed that his assent shall not prejudice his right of inheritance in the lands or mines. He requests an order to the high sheriff and justices to see the peace observed, and himself kept in quiet possession during the digging and assays. Meantime all law proceedings in the Exchequer chamber and elsewhere to be stayed. If the patentee is not satisfied with the trial of 3 pits, then both parties are to attend Council for the giving of further time to sink more.

12. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Ordnance officers at the Tower to dispatch to the commander-in-chief of Yarmouth garrison 16 barrels of powder. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 796–801.]

Aug. 24. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. On information that in the last commission of peace renewed for co. Somerset, Messrs. Hunt and Ceely's names were mistaken, so that they could not sit,—order that Lord Rich. Cromwell, Desborow, Fleetwood, Skippon, Montague, Lisle, Mr. Secretary, and Mr. Comptroller send for the Clerk of the Crown, and if they find the omission was a mistake, order the necessary oath to be administered to them gratis, and the clerk to take precaution against any future mistake in renewing the commissions of the peace.

2. Phil. Chetwin and any others concerned in printing or publishing the book now in the press, called "A true relation of Dr. Dee's actions with Spirits," whereof a few sheets were this day presented to Council, to appear before a Committee of Council with one sheet of the book, and meanwhile not to make it public.

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3. Lisle, Lord Chamberlain, Desborow, Skippon, Mulgrave, Lord Rich. Cromwell, and Mr. Comptroller to read the sheets, and report.

5. The petition of Lady Inchiquin, for herself and 5 children, referred to Lord Rich. Cromwell, Desborow, Fleetwood, Mr. Comptroller, and Montague, to report.

6. That of Chrisagon, widow of Col. Anth. Hungerford, referred to the Committee of Ely House and Savoy Hospital.

7. On information of Geo. Clench concerning traitorous words against his Highness spoken by Robt. Pyne, formerly an officer in the late King's army, and on his examination before Maj,-Gen. Goffe and Mr. Jessop, 2 justices of peace for Westminster:—Order that he be committed to Newgate, and Clench bound over to give evidence at the next sessions.

9. The petition of Mary Duchess of Buckingham, only child of Thomas Lord Fairfax, for leave for her husband to remain at York House, on sufficient security to yield himself up when required, instead of being committed to the Tower according to Council's warrant, read.

10. Col. Rob. Guibon to order the usual means for transport to Dunkirk of Capt. Flowers' troop of 120 horse, when they are ready, and an order advised to the Treasury Commissioners, to pay Frost 400*l.* to satisfy Guibon's bills for transport.

11. Order to allow Maj. Harlow to go from the Tower, with his keeper, to visit Jas. Stanley at Hen. Symball's house in Chelsea Fields, and stay one week. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 803–806.]

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71. Petition of Fras. Thomson, Stephen Kirke, and the other farmers of excise of beer and ale for London, Middlesex, and Surrey, to the Protector. Last September we undertook the farm at 128,400*l.* a year, and did our utmost to improve the revenue, but the London brewers, being exceedingly disturbed at this alteration, have done their best to oppose us, and to reduce that receipt to the former way of management. They contest every point of the Excise laws wherein they are concerned, first before us, and then before the Commissioners for Appeals, in order to continue their fraudulent courses, and, if discovered, they escape punishment through defect of the laws.

Now to ruin us they have set on foot a design some to strike their beer brewings, and others to forbear their weekly entries and payments till compelled, much lessening the receipts, and disabling us from payment.

The great frost concurring with their design to prevent their full brewings, they, noting the lowness of the receipts, were encouraged to continue their contest, adding scandals about us.

Last February they sent in a petition against us, which you referred to Council, and they to the Commissioners of Appeals, where it has since depended till this month, and we have had to attend weekly.

Some brewers living on the borders of our district have removed their breweries, on a tender of abatement of excise by the farmers

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of those parts, though they still serve their customers within our farm, and thus injure us 3,000*l.* a year, and this is likely to increase, as the brewer that removes saves $\frac{2}{3}$ of his excise.

We have thus lost 10,000*l.*, and the Commissioners for Appeals threaten us and our sureties with sequestration, unless we pay in at once 21,400*l.*, to which we object. Those that gave that order know that before it we had lost 8,000*l.*, and we have lost 2,000*l.* since.

We have paid of that sum 13,700*l.*, will speedily complete July's rent, and for August's, our month's advance answers to it. We have always 5,000*l.* or 6,000*l.* outstanding debts, are 20,000*l.* out of purse, and in these 10 months, have paid 20,000*l.* more than was paid in a year before.

We have tried to conceal our losses, lest our enemies should be thereby encouraged to continue the contest. London was never reduced to a farm before, and it cannot be done so well as where the parts and purses of the brewers are far less considerable.

This order encourages them and damages us, for none will give us credit when a sequestration may destroy his security, therefore we think the threat of sequestration against us was too severe and injurious. We beg a privy seal for discharge of our loss in time past, and encouragement to prevent further damage. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

71. I. *Order by the Commissioners for Appeals for payment of the* 214,000*l. on pain of sequestration.* 22 *July* 1658. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Aug. 26. Reference thereon by Council to Rich. Cromwell, Fleetwood, Desborow, Lisle, Wolsley, Skippon, Strickland, and Thurloe, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 808.]

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1. Order on information that Lord Lockhart has signified his desire for a fit minister at Dunkirk, and Mr. Loe is recommended, that Hook, Howe, and Sterry examine into his fitness, and if he is approved, he is to have an allowance of 150*l.* a year.

2. Tim. Whiting's petition read, and also the evidence of the Customs' Commissioners (who were attending at the door), and both parties heard, and the whole matter referred to Lord Rich. Cromwell, Desborow, Fleetwood, Jones, Mr. Secretary, Montague, Skippon, Lisle, and Strickland.

3. Order on report from the Committee on the petition of merchants trading in fish in and from England and Ireland—that the Customs' Commissioners in the several ports take entries of the fish, herrings, and pilchards to be laden by natives in native vessels, and bond given for payment of duty due on Feb. 10 next, and respite payment in the meantime.

4. The petitioners also praying for repayment of moneys paid or deposited by them in Ireland, on the same account, order for a letter to the Lord Deputy and Council, stating what has been done by Council and the House of Commons touching fish shipped last year, and what Council has now done, and requesting the like favour

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from them, both as to last year and this year, unless they see special cause to the contrary.

6. Order on petition of Col. Thos. Mason, and a report from the Army Committee—according to the Act of Parliament for stating officers' accounts for sums received from 26 March 1647 to 25 July 1653—also on an Ordinance in Council, that on examination of his account for officers and soldiers under him in Carnarvon garrison from 15 Jan. 1647–48 to 30 Oct. 1651, 97*l.* 6*s.* was found due to him—to advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay it. That part of his petition demanding several sums (details given) for a gunner and others, and for fire and candles,—which, though necessary, were not in that establishment expressed, but were in the preceding and succeeding establishments,—referred to Jones, Wolsley, Montague, Desborow, Mr. Secretary, and Strickland, to consult with the Army Committee, and report.

7. Order on report from the Committee on the report of Lords Whitelock, Widdrington, and others, on petition of James Earl of Abercorn, James Lord Paisley, his son and heir, and the petition and case of Anna Duchess of Hamilton, and the petition of the creditors of the late Duchess of Hamilton;—for a letter to the Council in Scotland, signifying the appeal of the Earl and his son that the decree in the Scotch Exchequer Court may be made null, and asking them to consult the judges in Scotland and others, whether by the laws of Scotland, an appeal to his Highness and Council may legally be admitted in such a case, and to report.

8. Order, on report from the Mardike Committee, that the Committee of Ely House and Savoy Hospital make fit provision for all wounded men sent from Flanders to Dover.

9. Order on a letter from magistrates at Dover, concerning the death of Nath. Smith, late mayor, his faithful service to the State, and the condition of his widow and children, that the Mardike Committee pay up all arrears due to Smith for public service, and consider what should be done for his widow.

10. Order on report of the Committee on the petition of Walter Grosvenor, of Tettenhall, co. Stafford, that the Treasury Commissioners examine the truth of the petition, and report.

11. The petition of Wm. Kidley and other inhabitants of Chertsey, for a brief towards repairing their loss by fire, read.

12. Order on report of the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Oliver Newton [*see* 27 *April* 1658]—that they find that he was on shore at Mardike from 30 Nov. 1657 to 11 Jan. 1657–8, curing wounded officers and soldiers, and gave his instruments, value 32*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* to the other surgeons there by order of Gen. Reynolds—that he be repaid the 32*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* and given 5*s.* a day for his services; the Committee of Council for Mardike to give a warrant for the payment. *Annexing,*

72. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners alluded to.* 27 *July* 1658. [1 *page.*]

13. Thos. Player, chamberlain of London, to pay into the Exchequer all moneys in his hands formerly the property of

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Michael Berkley, *felo de se*, and therefore forfeit to the State, and take a tally for payment.

14. To advise an order to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Frost, from the above moneys, 831*l.* 10*s.* for Mardike affairs.

15. The petition of Capt. Symon Askwith, master of Grentham Hospital, co. Durham, referred to Fleetwood, Lord Rich. Cromwell, Strickland, Skippon, Mr. Secretary, and Mr. Comptroller, to report.

18. **73.** Order on a list presented by Lord Desborow, of 17 ships to be employed for next winter's guard, for a warrant to the Admiralty Commissioners to supply them with 6 months' victuals, or as much as they can carry, and other stores, that they may not have to put into port for supplies, giving them power to change any ship for another of like force. Also that they prepare a list of the ships now abroad, and consider which should be continued, and which called in, and which of the smaller ones should be added to the winter guard. *Annexing,*

73. I. *List of* 17 *ships alluded to, with* 3,330 *men.* [1 *page.*]

19. The petition of Capt. Thos. Hare of the Anne Percy, for the owners of the ship and her lading,—setting forth that when she was trading quietly, richly laden, between Leghorn and Smyrna, she met a Dutch fleet in which were 3 Spanish men-of-war, and a Dutch ship, with many Spanish mariners on board, set on her, and after a great fight, burnt and sunk the ship, killed 30 of the mariners when swimming for their lives, and kept the rest prisoners under cruel bondage—referred to Lisle, Montague, Skippon, Wolsley, Jones, Mr. Secretary, and Desborow, to consider the petition, examine whether the proofs are formally taken, and if not, put them into a legal way of examination in the Admiralty Court, and report the case on the proofs already made, or on such as they shall direct to be taken.

20. The report about the 5 ships seized at Barbadoes by Capt. Mings accepted, and the case referred to the Admiralty Court, to proceed to judgment against 4 of the ships, *viz.*, the Mary, Three Cranes, and John Baptista, and Hopewell, the proofs sent from Jamaica to be transmitted to Dr. Walker; and the Admiralty Judges to proceed to judge the Mary, and report the case to Council.

21. The Army Committee to try to get the 1,400*l.* designed to Lieut.-Col. Peppar, for pay of the part of Col. Salmon's regiment now in Flanders, changed into foreign specie at reasonable rates, so that as little English coin as possible may be transported; and the Customs' Commissioners to allow what coin Peppar cannot change to pass, and report the amount to the Army Committee.

22. On report from the Mardike Committee, that of the 8,000*l.* mentioned in an order of Aug. 5, they decided to send 6,000*l.* to Lord Lockhart for Dunkirk, and tried to change it to foreign specie, and expect to get 4,500*l.* changed;—order that they change as much as possible, and the Customs' Commissioners permit the rest of the 6,000*l.* to pass in English coin, and that the whole coin and specie be shipped on the Cheriton frigate to Dunkirk, and delivered to Lord Lockhart.

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23. The Mardike Committee to consider how the Dunkirk garrison may be kept supplied with money, without exporting English coin.

24. Also to see that John White, master of the Orange Branch of Rye, receive satisfaction for transporting on 6 June 56 wounded soldiers from Mardike to Dover, as certified by John White, late mayor of Dover.

25. On petition of Maj. Geo. Walters, Launcelot Stepney, and Wm. Eaton, merchants of London, for themselves and partners, owners of the John Baptista of London, Dutch built—that having obtained from the Admiralty Commissioners a pass for her to Barbadoes, on security of 2,000*l.* to observe the Act for increase of shipping, they sent her with a cargo of goods, and obtained liberty to trade, but on her home journey, she was nevertheless seized by Capt. Mings of the Marston Moor, and taken to Jamaica;—order that the Admiralty Court Judges decide the matter according to law.

26. The petition of the officers of Col. Salmon's regiment quartered at Colchester, Ipswich, Norwich, and Lynn in 1657 and 1658, for payment of 28*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* disbursed for fire and candles in the cold season for the guard they kept at the several towns, referred to the Army Committee, to report.

27. The petition of Morris Wynne and John Ayton, for themselves and other lessees under the late Queen and her trustees, for 3 lives yet enduring, of the fens of Crowland, Spalding, and Pinchback, at a yearly rent, in which they made improvements, and enjoyed the same for some time; but in the late trouble, by the tumultuous rising of the tenants and others, their banks were thrown down; and that they applied for relief to the Commissioners for removing Obstructions, and the Trustees for Sale of late King's lands, who allowed the petitioners' interest, the reversion of the estate being valued at 1,342*l.* 5*s.* a year, whereupon they pray relief;—referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to enquire into the facts and report. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 807–816.]

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Whitehall.

The President to the Customs' Commissioners of Chester and Liverpool. Council hears that Mr. Elton, when sending some servants to Ireland to plant there on his account, furnished them with money for their charges, of which 55*l.* remained in the hands of his servant, Walter Joyner, on his coming to Chester; and that your officer there, Mr. Brett, seized the money as intended to be exported; they desire you to see the money restored to the party, or to Mr. Elton. [*I.* 78, *p.* 812.]

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Prize Office,
London.

74. Jas. Disbrowe and S. Clarke to the Admiralty Commissioners. We return duplicates of the examinations taken on board the Swiftsure by the Judge-Advocate, and according to what light we receive from the examinations, and the copies of the letters sent with them, we shall endeavour a discovery that may be to the State's advantage. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

74. I. *Examination of Gerard Grabb, skipper of the Love of Amsterdam. Is a native of Lubec, and came from*

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Amsterdam to Cadiz with pipe staves, and thence with oil and olives to Santa Cruz, where he met the St. John flyboat of Amsterdam, with 22 persons, mostly Flemings, which had been there 5 weeks. Examinant took in 35 lasts of logwood there, part thereof from the flyboat, and the residue from the shore, which belonged to Cornelius Suyshens, a Hollander living there. Heard that the flyboat had been to the West Indies, and had there taken a prize; believes that it was an Englishman. Does not know what commission she had (but supposes it was a Spanish one), nor what goods she had in her when taken, nor whether the logwood he received was taken out of her. Is bound with it to Gillis Marsellis and Jacob Harman, merchants at Amsterdam, and sailed from Santa Cruz 4 Aug. last; the flyboat sailed thence two days before. On coming into 42 degrees, he believes he saw it, and from the way it was steering, it might gain the north of Ireland, and so come by Scotland for Amsterdam.

Being further examined, says that while at Santa Cruz, he met an Englishman, married in Holland, called Brother Will, who was master of a Flemish buss laden with wines for London, and also 2 or 3 Englishmen who were sometimes on board of the buss, and at other times on shore, who had been taken in the West Indies by the St. John flyboat. Believes Brother Will brought those 2 or 3 Englishmen for England, and gave intelligence thereof to the rear-admiral in the Downs. [2 *pages.*]

74. II. *Examination of Derrick Everson, steersman of the Love, to similar effect.* [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. 28. **75.** Petition of Fras. Pardini, merchant of London, for Antonio Taliacarne and company, subjects of Genoa, to the Protector. In 1653, the then Council of State ordered the Prize Goods' Commissioners to deliver to Taliacarne, &c., some woods and Barillia seized in the St. Augustine, on security of delivery in case they were adjudged prize, which security was given by Rich. Hampden, John Chaworth, and 2 others, and the goods deposited with them for counter security. After a tedious and costly suit, the goods are ordered to be delivered, but as the Prize Commissioners do not give up the bond, pretending it is in custody of the Treasury Commissioners, the securities refuse to deliver the goods. Begs an order for delivery of the bond. With reference to the Treasury Commissioners. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

75. I. *Report of the said Commissioners that the bond was in* 16,000*l. to the Prize Commissioners; that the goods are adjudged not prize, and that therefore they think the bond should be delivered up, and beg order for its delivery.* 10 *Sept.* 1658. *With note of order* 14 *Sept.* [1 *page.*]

75. II. *Orders under the Great Seal for delivery of the said goods,* 14, 16, *and* 17 *July* 1658. [*Copies,* 2½ *pages.*]

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[Aug. 31.] **76.** Petition of the white starch makers about London to the Protector, for a patent of incorporation under the Great Seal. The trade is exercised by poor persons promiscuously, and some consume a quantity of wheat, others adulterate their commodities, or pay no excise, and so undersell their fellow-traders, on whom the excise lies heavy.

They were incorporated by the late King, but some refractory persons refusing to submit, a proclamation was issued forbidding any to make starch who had not served a 7 years' apprenticeship; yet the same evils have now crept in again, so that in time the excise thereon will be quite lost. With reference thereon, 7 June 1658, to Council. [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. 31. Reference thereon by Council to Desborow, Strickland, Jones, and Fleetwood, to report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 819.]

Aug. 31. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Army Committee to authorize and appoint Capt. Geo. Pley to exercise the functions of governor of Portland, Weymouth, and Sandfoot Castle till further order, the former governor, Maj. Pitsen, being dead.

2. **77.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on a Council order of 4 May last that there be sent from the Tower stores to Scilly garrison 100 barrels of powder, 12,000 sacker and 600 minion shot, to be delivered to the governor, who is to return his defective powder. The Admiralty Commissioners to give warrant to the Ordnance officers accordingly. *Annexing,*

77. 1. *Report alluded to,* 25 *Aug.* 1658. [½ *page.*]

3. The petition of Annie Lord, widow, concerning her discovery of a tenement, read, and Jessop ordered to look out the Treasury Commissioners' report on her case, and present it next sitting.

7. On petition of George Villiers Duke and of Mary Duchess of Buckingham, that as his health is suffering from his imprisonment in the Tower, which adds additional grief to the sorrow already endured by his wife concerning the sufferings of her father, he may be transferred to Windsor Castle, and have exercise and fresh air;—order that Sir Jno. Berkstead convey him to Windsor Castle, and the governor there receive him. With the warrants for his transfer and reception. [*I.* 106, *p.* 137.]

8. The governor of Windsor Castle to send in a list of what prisoners he has.

9. The petition of Dan. Wynne, to receive his dues as keeper of the Mews, for necessaries provided for the guard since 5 Oct. 1657, referred to Jessop, to state the account and report.

11. The same sum as formerly to be allowed for fire and candles for the guard at Paul's for next winter.

13. The petition of Jno. Edwards, Jno. Woodland, Jno. Mercer, Sarah Norris, wife of Capt. Thos. Norris, and Joan Green, concerning treasure hid in the ground in co. Somerset, of which they ask half; also a proposal annexed, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to enquire into the matter and act, or in case of difficulty, to report, in the same sort as directed on the petition of Thos. Norris.

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14. Order on a letter of 5 Aug. from the Council in Scotland—concerning his Highness's interest in Kiniell, in Scotland, the estate of Geo. Bilton, late deputy war-treasurer, sequestered for his debt to the public, and since legally adjudged to his Highness; also concerning debts from that estate to Gen. Monk, Lord Cooper, and Rich. Saltonstall, whose cases are stated and enclosed; and concerning a disposition of the coal and salt works of the estate made by George Bilton to John his brother, on which further information is desired,—to write and ask for a clear statement of all the debts which encumbered the estate when Capt. Ben. Bressey passed it over to Geo. Bilton, and how they were discharged; how Scotch law stands regarding the above disposition to Jno. Bilton, as Council thinks it could not interfere with his Highness's claim; the yearly value of Kiniell, and in what time the profits will meet the incumbrances if so applied; what part of the above debts are now satisfied; and whether, if Jno. Bilton's claim is allowed, his Highness may still charge the 16,500*l.* odd due to him from Geo. Bilton on the whole estate, without intervention of other interests. A draft letter to be prepared and presented to Council. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 816–820.]

Aug. 31. **78.** Grant by Wm. Ryley, Norroy king-at-arms, to Hen. Petit *alias* Petty, of Bolton in Craven, of the same arms as his elder brother William, with a crescent for a difference. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *sheet.*]

Sept. 1. **79.** Grant by Wm. Ryley, Norroy, to Silvester Petit or Petty, of Bolton in Craven, co. York, of the same arms as granted to his elder brother William, with a mullet for a difference. [1 *sheet.*]

[Sept. 2.] **80.** Petition of Stephen Rogers, mariner of Dover, to the Protector. On the coming of the English forces under the late Sir John Reynolds to Mardike in Flanders, they were in great want of provisions. I supplied with them with butter, cheese, hay, deals, &c., value 866*l.*, and have had several bills of exchange from Reynolds, Col. White, and Maj.-Gen. Morgan, on G. Frost, treasurer for the affairs of Flanders, but have received nothing; and lately I adventured myself and my ship to Ostend, and lost the ship value 600*l.*, saving my life by a miracle.

I have to pay the Prize Goods' Commissioners 540*l.* for a prize ship I lately bought of them, and as they have sold 2 others for 908*l.*, I beg an order to them to pay me the 866*l.* [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

80. I. *Certificate by Roger Fenwick and* 6 *others to the truth of the petitioner's services and losses. Mardike,* 13 *May* 1658. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 2. **81.** Reference thereon in Council to the Committee for the Affairs of Mardike, to consider what debts are charged on the proceeds of prize goods, and report. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page; also I.* 78, *p.* 824.]

[Sept. 2.] **82.** Petition of sick and wounded soldiers sent from Flanders to Dover to the Protector and Council. We have been carefully

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attended to by [Edw.] Cooke and his assistants, and our dangerous wounds dressed; but as in our fractured bones many ossicles may exfoliate in this cold piercing air, we beg removal to hospitals in London for further cure. We understand you have ordered the Dover surgeons to take care of us, but one is a public drunkard, and the other too old for employment. We beg consideration, having ventured our limbs against the enemy. 34 signatures, 6 marks. [1 *sheet.*]

Sept. 2. Reference thereon to the Commissioners for Savoy Hospital and Ely House, to report in writing what they think should be done. [*I.* 78, *p.* 825.]

[Sept. 2.] **83.** Petition of Edw. Cooke, Rob. Muston, Dan. Storer, and Guy Noble, surgeons, to the Protector and Council, not to be cast off in disgrace, having taken care of the sick and wounded, and not deserved calumnious reproaches. Some of the men are cured and sent back to Flanders, and others are fit to come to London. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *sheet.*]

Sept. 2. Reference thereon to the Mardike Committee, the Savoy and Ely House Commissioners to attend, and give order for continuance of the petitioners in their employment, or report. [*I.* 78, *p.* 825.]

Sept. 2. **84.** Petition of Nathaniel Taylor, Esq., clerk in Chancery, to the Protector, for payment of his arrears of 1,000*l.* and a settled allowance in future. By order of Parliament of 13 April 1648, all fees payable to officers and under clerks for gentlemen put in the commissions of peace and for *dedimus potestatem* are to be paid out of the hanaper. The fee is 34*s.* 10*d.* for every person, from the 15 Nov. 1655 to the present time, but the Commissioners for the Great Seal scruple about giving warrants for payment from the hanaper, and the profits of the place are otherwise small. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Annexing,

84. I. *Order in Parliament of* 13 *April* 1648, *alluded to.* [4 *pages.*]

Sept. 2. Note that in Council the question whether the petitioner's case should be committed passed in the negative. [*I.* 78, *p.* 826.]

Sept. 2. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. A letter from Col. Whichcott, governor of Windsor Castle, of 3 Aug., read.

3. The said governor to keep the prisoners under his charge within the castle, not suffer them to go abroad except to church to attend the public ordinances, and not suffer the Duke of Buckingham to converse with any other prisoners.

4. A letter from John Jennens and Edm. Whitefoot, two justices of the peace for Maldon, Essex, in answer to Council's letter of 3 Aug. 1658, about their refusing to sign a warrant on behalf of the Commissioners for Excise of ale and beer, and also the petition of the said Commissioners read, and referred to Strickland, Sydenham, Mr. Comptroller, and Wolsley, to hear the Commissioners, send for whom they think fit, and report.

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5. To advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Edw. Backwell 350*l.* in satisfaction of 345*l.* disbursed by him 6 July last for a jewel bestowed by his Highness on the person sent by the King of France, with a letter to his Highness signifying the surrender of Dunkirk, and of 5*l.* for his pains, with interest thereon till paid.

9. Thos. Fauntleroy, deputy of Denis Bond, clerk of the Pells, who is deceased, to execute the office until some other person is appointed.

10. The Mardike Committee to consider what sum may be assigned, from the money raised on the New Buildings' Act, to make up the residue of 2,986*l.* payable by Mr. Hodges, treasurer of the Jamaica forces, for paying the last orders issued ; also to send for the New Buildings' Commissioners, and enquire what remains unpaid out of the half of the said money, of the sums lent to his Highness by some aldermen of London, quicken them to get in the money due, speak with the aldermen about suspending payment of part of the debt, and thereupon assign so much to the use of the said forces ; the Committee to meet this afternoon.

11. On receipt of a report from the said Committee, order that out of the 122*l.* 1s. 7*d.* ordered 17 Aug. last to be paid by Maj.-Gen. Kelsey and Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Jessop, clerk of Council, he return 4*l.* 12*s.* to Kelsey, 3*l.* 1*s.* to be paid to Capt. John Wilson, in discharge of an account for the removal from that castle to Mardike of 1007 shovels, 649 spades, and 200 pickaxes, and 1*l.* 11*s.* to Fras. Simpson, Admiralty serjeant at Dover, for gathering up at Dover 700 pikes and muskets left there in May 1657 by Sir John Reynolds' forces.

15. **85.** On information that 10 of his Highness's ships are now on service on the coast of Spain, Portugal, and the Mediterranean, the Admiralty Commissioners are to order the 10 ships most unfit to stay abroad for the winter to be called home, and the other 6 to have such supplies as shall enable them to continue in the service.

18. Order to recommend to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to settle an augmentation of 40*l.* a year on Step. Young, preacher at Rosecrowder, co. Pembroke. Approved 3 Nov.

19. Also 40*l.* on the minister of Over, co. Cambridge. Approved 3 Nov.

22. Whereas on 26 Aug. last, Thos. Player, chamberlain of London, was ordered to pay into the Exchequer the money in his hands belonging to Mich. Berkley, late *felo de see* ; as it appears by a paper now presented by the City Remembrancer that, by bond dated 5 Aug. 1648, the city owed Berkley 500*l.*, by another of 13 July 1657 300*l.*, and by another of 14 Dec. 1657 100*l.*, which last he assigned to his servant Frances Knight for her faithful service—order that the other two sums, amounting, with interest, to 831*l.* 10*s.*, be paid by the chamberlain into the Exchequer.

24. The Mardike Committee to enquire how it stands as to the arrears of pay to the surgeons who attended the sick and wounded soldiers brought from Flanders to Sandwich and Dover, consider of a supply to satisfy them, and report. [*I.* 78, *pp.* 820–827.]

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Sept. 2. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Protector and Council in Scotland. Your letter of 5 Aug., about his Highness's interest in Kinneil, Scotland, adjudged to him as the estate of Geo. Bilton, late deputy Treasurer-of-war in Scotland, for a debt owing to his Highness; also about the cases of Gen. Monk, Lord Cooper, and Rich. Saltonstall; have been considered and debated in Council; but before they give judgment, they wish you to reconsider the matter, and inform them about,—

1. The true state of the incumbrances of Kinneil by the debts to Monk, Cooper, and Saltonstall, chargeable when it was passed to Bilton by Capt. Benj. Bressey, and how they remained a charge on the estate.
2. The particulars of Bilton's disposition of the coal and salt works at Kinneil to his brother John, and what the law of Scotland is thereon, as it seems to Council that this disposition, being made when Bilton was an accountant to the State, cannot disturb his Highness's interest.
3. What is the yearly value of the estate, and how soon would the profits, if so applied, pay the incumbrances?
4. What part of the debts to Monk, Cooper, and Saltonstall are paid or remain unpaid?
5. Whether, when they are paid, his Highness may by law charge the whole estate with payment of the 16,500*l.* owing on Bilton's account, without intervention of any other interest? [*I.* 78, *pp.* 821–823.]

[Sept. 3.] * Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

The Lord Protector being deceased, Richard, Lord Protector, his successor, declared; papers concerning the succession. [*Cols.* 31, 32, 35.]

Council to give his Highness an account of his being declared successor. [*Col.* 7.]

His Highness's [Rich. Cromwell's] proclamation signed, and communicated to the Lord Mayor; 4 heralds to attend him at its publication. [*Cols.* 25, 32.]

The London militia to secure the peace of the city. [*Col.* 25.]

Order that the army officers have his Highness's death communicated to them. [*Col.* 2.]

Letter to the fleet in the Downs about his Highness's death. [*Col.* 15.]

Letter to the Lord Deputy and Council in Ireland. [*Col.* 22.]

Embargo laid on the ports. [*Col.* 22.]

Proclamation and order on his Highness's death communicated to the London militia.

Letter to the Council in Scotland, and a general letter about the Lord Protector's death. [*Col.* 36.]

Letter to the judges to come to London. [*Col.* 22.]

The [late] Lord Protector's body to be embalmed. [*Col.* 32.]

* For the explanation of these Index summaries of Council's Proceedings, see the Preface to this volume.

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Two letters to the garrisons about his late Highness's death. [*Col.* 18.]

Letter to Lord Ambassador Lockhart about his late Highness's death. [*Col.* 25.]

[Sept. 4.] Oath of the Lord Protector. [*Col.* 31.]

His Highness takes the oath offered. The Lord Mayor of London present. [*Cols.* 32, 25.]

The Earl of Lauderdale to remain at Windsor. [*Col.* 25.]

Proclamation for continuing persons in Government [offices]. [*Col.* 32.]

Oath of the Lord Protector subscribed. [*Col.* 31.]

Proclamation of his Highness in the counties, and letter accompanying it. [*Col.* 32.]

Letter to the Lord Deputy of Ireland. [*Col.* 22.]

20,000*l.* allowed to the dowager of his late Highness. [*Col.* 9.]

Reference about the funeral of his late Highness. [*Col.* 15.]

Fast declared by Council, ministers to attend. [*Col.* 15.]

Reference about the collecting moneys for Glaston. [*Col.* 18.]

The embargo laid on the ports taken off. [*Col.* 22.]

Lord Sinclair to continue at Windsor. [*Col.* 36.]

Somerset House to be cleared. [*Col.* 36.]

The ambassadors and public ministers to have notice of his Highness's decease. [*Cols.* 1, 27.]

The rooms to be furnished for the funeral of his late Highness. [*Col.* 15.]

Treasury payments to be continued. [*Col.* 40.]

The report about the Bermudas to be brought in. [*Col.* 3.]

The bonds in Dr. Barnard's hands of Mich. Berkley, *felo de se,* to be delivered up. [*Col.* 3.]

Lord Desborow's troop ordered to Flanders; Col. Guibon to transport it, and make account to the clerk of Council. [*Cols.* 9, 18.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 1–23.]

Sept. 6. **86.** Order in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners order the Ordnance officers to issue 40 barrels of powder to the London militia, for supply of the 40 companies of militia forces in London for the present service. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page; also I.* 84, *col.* 26.]

Sept. 6.
Whitehall. **87.** [Richard, Protector] to the warden and fellows of the college near Winchester, earnestly recommending —— to succeed Dr. Wm. Burt as schoolmaster, not doubting but he will discharge his trust with satisfaction. Also,

The Protector to the sub-warden, fellows, and scholars of St. Mary's College by Winchester, approving the election of Wm. Burt, D.D., to the wardenship of their college, void by death of John Harris, D.D., to which he is elected by the fellows of New College, Oxford. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 6.
Nantwich,
The Gore. **88.** Capt. B. Gilpin to the Admiralty Commissioners. On the 23rd ultimo, I received order from Col. Rob. Blake to sail to and lie off the Willings, and receive on board the Lord d'Estrades and the

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Marquis Velaquere, who would come off in a boat from Flushing, and land them at Calais; but in case they should desire me to come to Flushing, so that they might the more securely come on board, I was to follow their directions. I received a letter on the 25th to come in, as they dared not venture to come off in a boat, and thereupon I went in and anchored before Flushing, where I was detained by storms and contrary winds until the 3rd inst., when I got to sea, and lay the following day off Nieuport, where I received an order from Rear-Adm. Bourne to repair to Woolwich, which I will do with all speed. I landed the French ambassador at Calais yesterday, and then made for the Gore, where I anchored, to wait for the next tide to get over the Flats. [1 *page.*]

[Sept. 7.] **89.** List of their Highness's private family,—

6 gentlemen,
21 other male servants,
5 gentlewomen,
4 maid servants,
3 attendants at Hursley, about the children.

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Sept. 7. **90.** List of persons appointed to have mourning [for the late Protector,] approved by Council, *viz.* :—

The Lord Mayor and city officers, 9 yards each, and 80 other persons of London, 4 yards each.
Master of the Rolls, and 8 clerks in Chancery, 9 yards proposed, reduced to 6.
Clerks and other officers in Chancery.
Sir Oliver Fleming, master of the ceremonies.
The clerks, under-clerks, treasurer, solicitor, messengers, &c., of Council.
Latin Secretaries, John Milton and And. Marvel, 9 yards proposed, reduced to 6.
3 clerks of the Signet, 2 of the Privy Seal, and 1 of the House of Commons.
4 serjeants-at-arms and 10 deputies.
29 watermen.
Officers and servants at Somerset House.
5 ambassadors and agents, and consuls abroad.
3 messengers of Chancery and Exchequer.
All the judges and justices, Exchequer, and other law officers.
2 printers to his Highness.
Judges and officers of the Admiralty Court.
3 preachers, Lockyer, Sterry, and Peters.
4 doctors, Glisson, Prujean, Bathurst, and Staines.

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[Sept. 7.] **91.** "Mr. Kinnersley's proposal about cloths of estate." In former times, every presence chamber, drawing chamber, and privy chamber, had cloths of estate, and chairs, stools, and cushions of velvet; if these are wanting, the rooms will lack much of what many subjects have, for every Earl may have a cloth of estate. If enough velvet is not to be had, 2 might be of velvet, 1 for the hearse and 1 for her Highness, and the others of cloth.

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There should be in Whitehall and Somerset House 7 cloths of estate, 5 of cloth and 2 of velvet, though if possible, his Highness should have 1 of velvet. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

[Sept. 7.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

10,000*l.* to be paid to John Maidston for mourning out of any moneys, in 8 months. [*Col.* 27.]

Thos. Pigott's petition and letter to Mr. Edwards. [*Col.* 32.]

The coming up of Justice Atkins dispensed with. [*Col.* 1.]

Lord Amb. Lockhart's letter about the proclaiming of his Highness read. [*Col.* 26.]

Petition and letter of the Earl of Rothes about sequestration of his estate. [*Col.* 35.]

Case of Mr. Ramsden of York referred. [*Col.* 35.]

200*l.* a year salary, and 50*l.* in advance, for Sam. Lowe, minister for Dunkirk. [*Col.* 26.]

31*l.* 5*s.* to Mr. Marshall from Prize Goods. [*Col.* 27.]

3,700*l.* transmitted to the Protestants of Poland. [*Col.* 32.]

The bailiff of Yarmouth to proclaim his Highness. [*Col.* 45.]

500*l.* to be paid to Major Burton for coals, &c., for Mardike. [*Col.* 3.]

1,500*l.* to Mr. Lodington for Flanders. [*Col.* 15.]

500*l.* of Berkeley's money for Capt. Lodington. [*Col.* 25.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 24–28.]

Sept. 7. Great President, Off the Southern Cape.

92. Capt. Rich. Potter to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have been plying in my station with the Colchester, and chased two frigates belonging to St. Sebastian's, one having 30 guns and the other 26; but night coming on, I could not get up to them; I forced them into very shallow water, and at 10 p.m. came within shot of them. I kept firing until 2 a.m., when I forced the frigate of 30 guns on shore, but the other rowed and got away. As the day came on, I endeavoured by warping to get nearer, so as to get her off, but they, seeing my intentions, set her on fire. I stayed until she was wholly destroyed. Her captain was called Long Jacob.

I have not seen the 5 sail mentioned in your orders, and the Portland has not arrived. I hear the Spanish West India fleet is expected home the beginning of November. My time appointed for this station being out, I am plying towards the Northern Cape to find Capt. Smith. The frigate that got away is called the Dart, and there was another small frigate of 12 guns, that was fitted at Cadiz, which I fear will annoy the merchantmen, as they intend lying off the Southern Cape. No Spanish West India ships have yet come in, and only one from the Havannah, with tobacco, hides, and wood. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 7. The Selby, Isle of Wight.

93. Capt. Saml. Higginson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I was ordered by the Rear-Admiral to convoy several ships from the Downs to Morlaix and the west parts. I have been forced by contrary winds into the Roads, where I found the Portsmouth, with several ships under her convoy, all of which have to-day been stopped by an embargo. I hope the Lord will comfort your spirits,

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after your great sorrow for the loss of that worthy and famous instrument of God's glory, and the comfort and happiness of the nation. [½ *page.*]

Sept. 8 ? **94.** Petition of the warden and fellows of New College, Oxford, to the Protector Richard. We had a letter from your late father, requiring us to desist from the election of the warden of Winchester College, in answer whereto we sent him a petition, which he was too ill to receive. We beg you not to think us disobedient or perverse, in that we were obliged so to act. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

94. I. *Petition of the warden and fellows of New College to Oliver Protector. On Friday, 27 Aug., the day before that appointed by statute for the election, you required us not to choose a warden of Winchester College, lest your right should be prejudiced. Had this not been a manifest breach of our statutes, we would have yielded our pretensions to you, for whom we would yield life and fortune, but we could do no other than elect, without breach of statute, and we hope you will approve our choice.* [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 8. Whitehall. **95.** Richard, Protector, to the electors of the college near Winchester. William, son of Sir Thos. Parker, of Sussex, is a hopeful scholar in your school, and fit for translation to New College, Oxford. Our late father took great care of his preferment, and therefore we commend him to your suffrages for this next election. Also like note commending the election of an orphan not named to the college near Winchester. 13 Sept. 1658. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 8. Swiftsure, Downs. **96.** Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. Particulars of ships. I have received yours, acquainting me of the death of his late Highness, and of the proclamation of his new Highness. I have acquainted the respective commanders with both, and although we cannot but bewail the loss of that eminent servant of the Lord and choice instrument, whom the Lord hath taken to himself, yet cannot withal but admire the goodness of God to this nation, in composing the spirits of all men that I hear of to acquiesce sweetly in the succession of his Highness that now is, which does without question much disappoint the expectation of the common enemy, who have long promised themselves an opportunity of this, and it is a very great evidence that the Lord has not forsaken the nation.

As for the commanders of the fleet, you may be fully assured that our spirits do freely and cheerfully close with this providence, and do much rejoice in the goodness of God to us and the nation therein, hoping that the Lord will graciously continue His wonted presence with this present Governor and government. We shall, in our respective places, approve ourselves faithful and diligent, conforming to the duty that is incumbent on us. On the receipt of yours, we made bold to manifest the truth of our affection by the expense of some powder from the several ships in the Downs, which I humbly desire may be well resented.

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Yesterday a Fleming arrived here from Norway, which met a galliot hoy from the Sound, the master of which informed him that the Swede had closely besieged Copenhagen with an army by land, and a fleet of 30 sail by sea. I send intelligence received from the captain of the Drake, who has lately come from Dunkirk. I have sent the Adventure to Chatham, and the Swiftsure will soon follow. [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 9. The Assistance, Ostend Road.

97. Capt. Thos. Sparling to the Admiralty Commissioners. I formerly gave you an account of what befel us in the late storm, by which I could not but question the security of the Cornelian, who got well into Flushing and has returned safe, with the loss of only her anchor and cables. I have supplied her out of the Expedition and Assistance, so that she will now be able to endure this coast until her provisions are expended, if winter does not approach too fast. I received the enclosed the 7th inst., for the observance of which I have no order; nevertheless in regard the Expedition was to be dismissed from this station through her defects, and there is the precedent of Capt. Blake having sent the Nantwich on the same account, I have ordered the Expedition to answer the contents of those letters, and to repair to the Downs for further orders; but her provisions end the 18th inst., and she has but 45 sound men.

If there were any probability of doing any service here, I should request that a competent number of frigates might be ordered here to carry it on, but I discern so little that I am of opinion there are too many already, which is only myself andthe Cornelian. It is true there are 3 frigates ready to sail, and if they could be prevented it would be well, but they will suddenly make their escape, do what we can. If I am to observe any orders from Mr. Downing, resident at the Hague, while here, mention it in your next, or I shall take no notice in future. I shall be forced off through want of water about the 13th inst., and intend making use of Dover Road or the Downs, according as the wind presents. Our men fall sick daily; there are a considerable number down already, and it is questionable if some will recover, notwithstanding that I cleared all my infirm men at Portsmouth, and shipped young able-bodied men in their stead. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

97. I. *G. Downing to the commander-in-chief of the fleet before Ostend. Warrant to send a frigate to Flushing, to transport Mons. De Lionne, late French ambassador extraordinary at Frankfort, and his retinue, to Dunkirk, Calais, Boulogne, or Dieppe, as he shall desire. The Hague,* $\frac{2}{12}$ *Sept.* 1658. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

97. II. *M. de Lionne, ambassador from France to Germany, to Capt. Sparling. I trust you will grant the request for a frigate for me as quickly as possible, for which I shall ever be grateful, and the King, my master, will thank the Protector. I beg you to choose one of your best vessels, and best armed.* $\frac{7}{17}$ *Sept.* 1658. [1 *page, French.*]

Sept. 9. The Paradox, Milford.

98. Capt. Rich. Cowes to the Admiralty Commissioners. After tallowing and victualling, I sailed from Milford with 4 vessels bound

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for Ireland, put into Kinsale, and then plied over to Lundy and the Irish coast, and thence to the Land's End, putting into Caldy Road by foul weather. Afterwards I transported Dr. Worth to Ireland.

I have had notice from the governor of Tenby of the decease of his Highness, the Lord Protector, and that his Highness, Lord Richard Cromwell, was happily established in his father's stead, and I immediately declared the same to the company, giving them to understand that for the future, they were to own and serve his said Highness as their lord and master, to which they readily assented, and in testimony of his and their unfeigned love and loyalty to his Highness that now is, I have held it my duty to signify our proceedings in the premises. I will set sail the first opportunity.

I have not seen or heard of any of the enemy's ships on this station. I hope to prevent their frequent robberies. [1 *page.*]

Index entry of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Sept. 9. Lee and officers to be arrested for new buildings. [*Col.* 3].

Information by Matt. Greg, &c., against Sir Hen. Walpole, D. Howes, and Chas. Dymock. [*Cols.* 43, 20, 9].

[*Missing Order Book, p.* 29.]

Sept. $\frac{9}{19}$. Whitehall. [Admiralty Commissoners to Capt. Stoakes, commander of the Mediterranean fleet.] We wrote you his Highness's resolution to continue a squadron of ships in the Straits this winter, and that 3 were to be sent home in lieu of the like number with you that were unfit to stay abroad, also that they would bring 1,900 men's victuals for 3 months; but Council has now ordered that only 6 frigates be kept abroad this winter, and that the rest be called home; so we shall despatch the Tiger and a victualler, and on their arrival, you must select 5 of the frigates, which with the Tiger may complete your squadron, and send the rest into the Downs.

In the victualler we have sent the victuals named, and boatswains', gunners', and carpenters' stores, which will supply your lessened squadron, and enable them to keep at sea, and protect trade, much annoyed by the Majorcans and other pirates in those parts. Note of Cromwell's death. By advice of Parliament, he had left the government of these nations to his eldest son Richard, who was proclaimed the day after by Council, the chief officers of the army, the Lord Mayor, aldermen, and citizens of London, as you will see by the enclosed print, and the like has been done by most of the corporations of England. It is an unspeakable mercy that in such a juncture, notwithstanding the several parties and interests amongst us, there should be such a general acquiescency of spirit in this settlement, without opposition, and all remaining quiet. We trust the present Protector will carry on the great work.

Notes of foreign intelligence. We trust you will so represent the state of affairs here to all the commanders with you that they may be encouraged to continue in their duty, and show the same loyalty to the present government as has appeared amongst the officers of the fleet in the Channel. [2 *pages, partial copy; with letter of* 29 *July* 1658. *French correspondence.*]

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Sec. Thurloe to Capt. Whitstone, Marseilles. On your complaint of more than usual strictness, I have written to Mr. Aldworth to procure the English ships the continuance of their privileges.

On 3 Sept. it pleased God to put a period to the life of his Highness, the saddest thing which could have befallen this nation. However, the Council unanimously witnessed that, before his death, he declared Lord Richard his right and undoubted successor, and accordingly on the 4th, they had him proclaimed at Whitehall and Westminster, and themselves accompanied the solemnity to London, where it was received with demonstrations of satisfaction, and as much rejoicing as such a season could admit. The army officers have been no less united, all admitting that whether according to law, their duty to his father, his own merits, or the security of the whole nation, nothing could have been pitched on more universally acceptable and necessary than this succession. The same afternoon he took his oath as Protector before the Council and the Lord Mayor and Aldermen in Whitehall, so that we are advanced to a settlement. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

Sept. 11.
The Assurance, Scarborough.

99. Capt. Phil. Holland to the Admiralty Commissioners. Though delayed by storms, I convoyed over the Hamburg ships as far as Gluckstadt, having heard that Capt. Collarto was upon the river Elbe, and had taken 2 Hollanders, which he sold, and I feared he might seize upon them within a league or two of Hamburg, as he did at Cascales, near Lisbon, on 22 Nov. 1655, there being no ships there to oppose him, only Gluckstadt Castle, which he would not have valued.

The Swede and Dane are reinvolved in another war, likely to be more bloody than the former. I forbear a relation, having sent the enclosed, which is the best intelligence I could get at Hamburg. I cannot understand who was the occasioner of it, some pitying the Dane, and others justifying the Swede; but if true, as is generally reported, treachery will evermore be requited with misery, prosperity most certainly attending the path of honesty. They say that the Dane, understanding the Swede's intentions to drain his towns, garrisons, and places, taken in Denmark, of some of their forces on some other design, plotted, when they had so done, to attempt the surprisal of the same, which being weakened, might have been effected; all which the Swede found by the interception of some of the Dane's letters purporting the said design. The Danish ambassadors demanding the reason of his reinvading their country, the Swede produced these letters, and thereupon they had not a word to say in vindication of their King. But the truth hereof I could have been more largely satisfied in, by the King of Sweden's declaration, which I could have had if my occasions would have permitted me to stay a day longer.

I could not credit, until confirmed here by a cloud of witnesses, the news which put a stop to the joys of the good people of this nation, namely, the decease of his Highness the late Lord Protector. "Oh! what remains for me or others who truly love the prosperity of this Commonwealth, but that we speak our dear affections in

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Sept. 11. the most sad interjections of sighing! Surely malice is not so ignorant, or at leastwise so impudent, but with some regret of spirit, if they will not sorrowfully confess his loss, yet they must acknowledge his worth, valour, wisdom, and piety, which others have known, and themselves have found confirmed by so many signal dispensations of Providence. Although strange to ingenious spirits that there should be a generation of men can permit the worthies and righteous of our age to go without taking the same to heart, yet, nevertheless, I hope it will somewhat moderate and alienate the burden of good men's griefs, in that only his body hath left us; his pious fame and worth still survive in his son and successor, whom I beseech the Almighty to assist with the same graces and qualifications fit for government." [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

99. I. *Intelligence from Hamburg that on Saturday last, an express came from the King of Sweden, with letters of* 25 *Aug., stating that he continues the beleaguring before Copenhagen, that he has approached nearer the walls, and that there is great probability the siege will take good effect. A letter from a neutral person out of the Swedish leaguer before Copenhagen, of the same date, says that the Danes defend themselves valiantly, and that of late they have twice fallen with strong parties into the Swedish leaguer, and have killed a great number of the Swedes, besides many wounded and taken prisoners, and that in this fight a great Swedish officer, called Svento Bannier, was killed. The Danes have burnt the suburbs of Copenhagen, and it seems they go about the work so as to make the Swedes pay dear enough the taking of Copenhagen, which is infallible if the Danes get no relief.*

The Swedish fleet of 26 *ships are yet before Copenhagen, and the King of Denmark is resolved to perish upon the walls. It's thought the Swedes will not get the town so easily as they imagine, because the King of Denmark had warning from a private man of the Swede's intention,* 5 *days before the King of Sweden arrived with his fleet in Zealand.*

On 6 *Sept. a letter came from Stade that the Swedes had taken Cronenburg by storm, and killed all the garrison in the castle, as also some taken; but this news is doubtful, as there are no letters from the King of Sweden about it.*

Letters from Berlin mention that the Duke of Brandenburg's forces have marched into those parts 5,000 *strong, have already passed the river Oder, and got as far as Goritz, and that the Duke of Brandenburg intends to make the Swedes a diversion, marching into Bremen, and so to draw the Swedes off from the beleaguring of Copenhagen and Cronenburg. It is also said that the Roman Emperor has sent Monto Cuculli with* 6,000 *men to relieve the Dane. Hamburg, Sept.* 7, 1658. [1 *page.*]

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Sept. $\frac{13}{23}$. Ostend. **100.** Charles Flamborough to Capt. Hamilton (Chelsea College). We spoke with the merchant and the skipper who are in prison here, and as soon as we can get more masters, we shall keep them fast for you, and I shall do my best for you, as if you were my brother. To-morrow I go to sea northward with Capt. Tison.

The French and English armies have taken Owenarden and Menon, and Ypres is very weak; the Spanish army thought to take Menon again, but now they have lost all their courage in Flanders, and we think all is forlorn. There is a writing come over to Mr. Aspell concerning the release of Joas, and what money you lay down for his release, I will repay when you come out. One of the masters of the ship called the Treasury is making a ship for Capt. Hamilton. [1 *page, Dutch.*]

Sept. $\frac{13}{23}$. **101.** Translation of the above. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Sept. 14. **102.** Petition of divers inhabitants of Botolph's without Aldgate, Portsoken ward, London, who were in the trained bands under Col. Thompson for relief of Gloucester, to the Protector. The remnant of us who, by God's providence, were preserved in the memorable battle of Newbury, have ever since set apart the 20th of September, the day we were engaged at Newbury Wash, to thank the Lord for our deliverance, and have had a sermon preached, till last year; when, having chosen our lecturer, John Simpson, our minister, Zachary Crofton, would not allow him to come into the pulpit, and we were forced to adjourn to an adjacent parish church. The said day being now at hand, we beg an order that Mr. Simpson may preach at 10 a.m., Mr. Crofton having declared that Simpson shall not preach that day without your order. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Sept. 14. Note of reference of the petition. [*I.* 84, *col.* 3.]

Sept. 14. **103.** Col. Thos. Fitch, governor of Inverness, to Lord Deputy Fleetwood. There being great want of cheese, peas, &c., in the stores, and this the time for laying them in, I have ordered my Lieut.-Colonel to buy some. I send a note of what the stores in Scotland cannot afford, and beg a Council order to have them from the Tower, to come in the ship that brings the provisions. It is seldom a ship comes direct without being hired on purpose, and therefore I wish to take this opportunity. Inverness Citadel, 30 July 1658. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

103. I. *Notes by Thos. Dodson, plumber, and John Ball, gunner, of stores required for Inverness Castle and Citadel.* [1$\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*]

Sept. 14. **104.** Reference thereon in Council to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider the defects of the garrison, and report. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

104. I. *Report of the said Commissioners, 22 Sept., that as the Army contingencies, which are at General Monk's disposal, are intended to defray the charge of the citadels and forts in Scotland, and as powder, &c., is sent to Monk for the forces, he should supply the wants of Inverness.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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Sept. 14. **105.** Order in Council that the pay for Vice-Adm. Godson, from his going the last expedition on the coast of Flanders, be 40*s.* a day, and the Admiralty Commissioners give warrant to the Navy Commissioners for its payment. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

[Sept. 14.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Debate on money (renewed 4 times). [*Col.* 27.]
The under-sheriff of Rutland to proclain his Highness. [*Col.* 35.]
Letter to Northampton to proclaim his Highness. [*Col.* 29.]
Orders about removing the body of his late Highness. [*Col.* 15.]
800*l.* to be imprested to John Maidston for mourning. [*Col.* 27.]
Petition of Major Walters and the owners of the John Baptist, referred. [*Col.* 43.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 30–34.]

Sept. $\frac{15}{25}$. Whitehall. Gen. Ed. Montague to Capt. Stoakes, commander-in-chief of the fleet in the Mediterranean. The Lord has established the Protector in the government of these nations, and disposed all to dutiful compliance, whereby the peace and liberty enjoyed under his father are continued to us, notwithstanding our fears, and the threats of the common enemy on the late sad occasion. We find by letters from all parts that the people of these nations apprehend the goodness of God therein. We thought therefore that we could do no less than join in professing our fidelity, and therefore I and the commanders of the fleet in town have agreed upon and signed an address, a copy of which I send to you, and to others abroad, and desire you to propose it to all the commanders and warrant officers of your squadron, and take their subscriptions on one side of a fair sheet of paper, which, with your own signature, you are to dispatch to me with all possible speed, that it may be annexed to the original, and presented with the rest to his Highness. [1 *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

Sept. 16. **106.** Petition of Wm. Backhouse, merchant of London, to the Protector and Privy Council. Was taken prisoner at sea by Capt. Chivers, in the White Angel, coming from Maryland with merchandize; lost his ship and all he had, and is now released on parole to procure his exchange for Jas. Morris, taken with Capt. Beach, prisoner in Plymouth, or to return in 3 months. Begs an order for Morris's discharge. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

106. I. *Certificate of the said release on parole, by Ben. Johnson St. Sebastian's,* $\frac{23\ July}{2\ Aug.}$ 1658. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

Sept. 16. **107.** Reference thereon in Council to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

107. I. *Report by the Admiralty Commissioners that Morris is an Irishman, taken in open hostility, and cannot be exchanged without special order, and that subjects taken in arms against the State should be proceeded against as traitors and rebels.* 23 *Sept.* 1658. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Sept. 16. **108.** Petition of Rob. Ostler and John Tirill, merchants of London, to the Council of State. Being ignorant of the prohibition for export of saltpetre, bought 30 tons for export, and will be

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ruined unless they may have leave to ship it, which they request. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Sept. 16. **109.** Like petition of Thos. Carter and Co., powder makers, for leave to export 100 tons, there being 600 or 700 tons in this nation, and more expected soon. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 16. **110.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report, and to contract speedily for as much saltpetre as is needed for the service, that a general liberty may be given for transporting the residue. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Sept. 16. **111.** Petition of Mahomet, Mustaoth, Hamal, and Abdullah, Turks, to the Protector. We were taken prisoners by the Spaniards, and detained 20 years, but having escaped to France, we got license to come here, so as to get home by some of your shipping. Capt. Sandall is to sail soon in a frigate for Leghorn; we beg license to return with him. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

111. I. *Note that Abducadir, Achmet Sillau, and Hamel of Sally, petition for the same.* [*Scrap.*]

[Sept. 16.] Note for the Turks' pass. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 40.]

[Sept. 16.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Receivers' and auditors' patents renewed.

The arrears of excise to be got in. [*Col.* 14].

A sequestration commission, Mr. Beck to look after it. [*Col.* 36].

Col. Biscoe's regiment to be paid. [*Col.* 3].

Allowances for the guards at the Mews and in the country. [*Col.* 18].

Capt. Sayle to come up. [*Col.* 36].

Lord Montague made colonel of horse. [*Col.* 27].

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 37–40.]

Sept. $\frac{16}{26}$. Whitehall. Admiralty Commissioners to Capt. Stoakes, in the Lyme. We have yours of 10 July by the Tredagh, which, with the Yarmouth and Jersey, have arrived in the Downs, and also yours of 21 Aug., with an account of your proceedings at Tripoli, and the peace you have made with the Basha. By the Tiger, we have sent 40 barrels of powder, and as many gunners' stores as she could hold. If you want more, you must buy in those parts, and charge the bills on us. The Tiger and the victualling ships in the Downs will sail direct for Toulon; in case you have gone, leave them orders where to meet you; they have been delayed by the winds, so we hope you will have supplied yourself, as signified to you by Mr. Blackborne last week.

We send an invoice of the victuals on board the Jonathan and Abigail. The Victualling Commissioners do not send liquor, it being best supplied abroad.

His Highness wishes the 5 frigates to be sent home under Capt. Whitstone. If you have victuals, send four of the frigates at once, and the other when the Tiger arrives.

P.S.—Though Whitstone is to come home, keep the Fairfax, if you think fit, and put him into another vessel. [2 *pages, copy, French correspondence.*]

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Sept. $\frac{16}{26}$. Whitehall. Rob. Blackborne to Capt. Stoakes. Thanks for your last. I congratulate your success at Tripoli. It is a work well approved here. I wish something could be done against the Majorcans. There is a great cry here of the damage our English merchants have lately sustained from them. We are all in peace under the late change, all interests seeming to acquiesce in the present settlement, which is a mercy beyond what we could hope for.

The Holland fleet of 15 sail being at sea last week, intending to assist the Dane against the Swede, were driven by a cruel storm into the Texel, with much loss of masts, anchors, and sails. It is said 3 of them foundered. The Swede has gained the Sound, and some say is possessed of Copenhagen ere this. [1 *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

Sept. $\frac{16}{26}$. Whitehall. Notes of a letter from John Clerk to Capt. Whitstone, the Fairfax, Toulon. The exceeding loss in the death of the chief magistrate. Capt. Stoakes will be ordered to send some frigates to England, so that he can repair hither. Regrets Whitstone's differences with his Admiral. He sent complaint of hard measure, but he has been sick since his return, and has not repaired there as yet. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

Sept. 16. Leghorn. **112.** Certificate by Chas. Longland and 5 others, to the accounts prefixed of Thos. Campion, merchant and English consul at Tunis, dated 16 March 1657–8, being for sundry expenses connected with Adm. John Stoakes and the Dey of Tunis, and the redemption of captives. [2$\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*]

Sept. $\frac{16}{26}$. Middleburg. Archibald, third Lord Napier, to the King. Lord Napier, your faithful subject and my dear father, has been lately called by death, I hope into a blessed life; he ever by word and example, and especially at his death, recommended to me obedience and loyalty. I am sorry that the meanness of my fortune does not suffer me to wait upon you. I beg your speedy order to put me in a condition to do you service. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Sept. 17. **113.** Note of proceedings in the Committee for Mourning relating to the life guards, Admiralty Commissioners, judges, &c. [1 *page.*]

[Sept. 17.] **114.** List of the life guards, 22 officers, 141 men, and 4 trumpeters. [1 *page.*]

[Sept. 17.] **115.** List of the officers of the Admiralty, Navy—including vice-admirals and captains—and Ordnance, and of the Army Commitee, total 67 persons, requiring 8 yards of cloth each, 536 yards.

Also note that the captains of regiments and troops for England, Scotland, and Ireland will be 361, requiring 2,888 yards, exclusive of pay officers and governors of garrisons. [1$\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

Sept. 20. **116, 117.** Petition of divers inhabitants of Marlborough, who lost their estates by the late great fire, to the [late] Protector. You authorized us to make a collection for the sufferers therein, through the

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3 nations of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and appointed citizens of London to consider the damages of each person, and divide the money. Large sums have been paid in, but some of the inhabitants gave in their losses much more than they really were, and some being deputed by the committee to distribute the money, got allowances far above their proportion, so that some of us have had little or nothing. We therefore beg you to refer the case to Francis Lord Seymour, Col. Alex. Popham, Sir Walter St. John, Jeffry Daniel, John Ernley, John Norden, Rich. Diggs, and Mr. Petty of Anvills, and such others as you think fit, to give us redress. Eleven signatures. With reference to the persons requested, Hampton Court, 24 July 1658, and their report 30 Aug., that they can do nothing, for the committee in London refuse to give them an account of receipts and disbursements, saying their order of reference enjoins them not to do it, and the sub-committee at Marlborough refuse it as they only act by direction from the Committee at London. [2 *papers.*]

Sept. 20. Note of reference in Council of the above petition. [*I.* 84, *col.* 27.]

[Sept. 20.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Council's rules about admitting persons to employment. [*Col.* 7.]

The patents of the judges renewed. [*Col.* 22.]

The Commissioners of the Great Seal sworn. [*Col.* 18.]

Rules for the Mint officers for coining. [*Col.* 27.]

Council books of the late King, &c., to be delivered. [*Col.* 7.]

Mr. Rushworth to deliver the old Council books, but to have access to them; his charges referred. [*Col.* 35.]

Reference about the declaration of a fast. [*Col.* 15.]

25*l.* to be repaid to resident Bradshaw, which he lent Capt. Motham for victualling the Foresight. [*Col.* 3.]

Residence of the late Protector's dowager considered. [*Col.* 32.]

The commission of the Prize Goods' Commissioners renewed. [*Col.* 32.]

Augmentation granted to Brixham Rectory, co. Devon. [*Col.* 3.]

The memorial of the Brandenburg agent referred. [*Col.* 3.]

Salary of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise respited. [*Col.* 7.]

The surgeons and nurses for sick men from Flanders, quartered at Dover, to be paid by the Ely House Commissioners, and the Hospital Commissioners to take care of them. [*Cols.* 15, 20.]

Commission for the government of Nevis renewed to Capt. English Smith. [*Col.* 29.]

Ambassador Lockhart to go to the French Court. Dunkirk to be under Col. Alsop in Lord Lockhart's absence. [*Cols.* 9, 26.]

Letter to Mr. Whistler, mayor elect of Oxford, to suspend his oath. [*Cols.* 31, 43.]

Lists for black cloth for his late Highness's funeral. [*Col.* 15.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 46–50.]

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[Sept. 21.] **118.** Petition of Col. Hugh Reilly [to Council]. I entered your service 8 years since, and was 4 years employed beyond seas by the late Parliament and Council of State. At Bordeaux I had 2 letters concerning your service, and returned home at a cost of 20*l.*, and am owing 15*l.*, where I fell sick, so that I fear imprisonment. I am a good Protestant and, though born in Ireland, have not been there for 30 years. My mother was a Drayton of Northamptonshire. I have been 6 times colonel of horse and foot, and twice Major-General.

I beg clothes for a mourning suit for his Highness, as other gentlemen have, and for the future, what you think fit. [1 *page.*]

[Sept. 21.] **119.** Request by John Cressett, registrar, that the governors of the almshouses at Windsor Castle, being 28, should all have mourning, 13 having been omitted; they act freely, and attend at their own cost. With list of 15 persons, of whom William, Lord Robartes, has mourning.

Also note that the old governors, who were the deans and canons of Windsor, had mourning at King James' funeral, though they made great profits by fines on leases, which these governors are bound to let at rack rent. Also query whether the 2 chaplains, 4 chapel officers, registrar, and receiver, being in office, should not have mourning. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 21. **120.** Proceedings in the Committee for Mourning relative to the allowances of cloth to be made or added to numerous officers, &c., named. [1½ *pages.*]

[Sept. 21.] **121.** List of 20 ministers recommended for mourning by the Committee for Approbation of Ministers. [1 *page.*]

[Sept. 21.] **122.** Note of 3 kings-at-arms, 3 heralds, and 2 pursuivants who should have mourning. [½ *page.*]

[Sept. 21.] **123.** List of 3 officers and 30 yeomen warders of the Tower for mourning. [¾ *page.*]

[Sept. 21.] **124.** List of ministers, churchwardens, overseers of poor, constables, beadles, &c., in the city and liberty of Westminster. [1¾ *pages.*]

Sept. 21. **125.** List by John Embree, surveyor, of the workmen employed by his Highness. [¾ *page.*]

[Sept. 21.] **126.** List by Mr. Kinnersley of 13 persons employed in the Office of the Wardrobe. [*Scrap.*]

[Sept. 21.] **127.** Note of 16 persons who desire mourning; also the 6 auditors of Exchequer and the poor knights of Windsor; with note of the master attendants and shipwrights in 4 dockyards, Maj. Burton, and Capt. Hatsell. [¾ *page, and scrap.*]

[Sept. 23.] **128.** Petition of Stephen Rogers to Lord Wm. Sydenham, and the rest of the Committee for the affairs of Flanders. My petition, to his late Highness was referred to you [*see p.* 126, *supra*]. I have been at great charge and loss of time in waiting an order thereon,

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and I am sued for debt for provisions supplied to the forces, and also sued in the Admiralty Court by the Commissioners for Prize Goods for 540*l.* which I owe for a ship, which now lies and rots, because I have not money to employ her. I beg speedy dispatch, or I and my family will be ruined. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

128. I. *Warrant from the Admiralty Court for arrest of Rogers, accused of contumacy for not appearing in that Court to answer for non-payment of* 540*l. to Mr. White and Mr. Goodwin, for purchase of the prize ship Orange Tree.* 14 *Sept.* 1658. [1¼ *pages.*]

Sept. 23. **129.** Order by the said Committee that the 540*l.* for the prize ship should be allowed him towards the provisions delivered for Mardike, and that the Commissioners for Prize Goods strike a tally in the Exchequer, and pay the sum to Mr. Frost, who is to allow it on bills drawn for Rogers. [1¾ *pages.*]

[Sept. 24.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Capt. Geo. Boyce allowed 4*s.* a day above lieutenant's pay. [*Col.* 3.]

Swedish business to be considered. [*Col.* 36.]

A Committee to speak with counsel learned on the present debate. [*Col.* 7.]

Treasury Commissioners to pay 300*l.* to Mr. Frost. [*Col.* 40.]

300*l.* out of contingencies granted to Capt. Bowerman, for repair of castles in the Isle of Wight. [*Col.* 3.]

Letters to be sent for proclaiming his Highness in the English plantations. [*Col.* 32.]

Augmentation for Compton. [*Col.* 7.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 51–54.]

Sept. 27. **130.** Petition of the well affected inhabitants of Burford, co. Oxon, to the Protector. Burford is a populous market town, with but one minister, who is aged, and administers all the ordinances of the Gospel to profane persons, which our constituents cannot submit to. Therefore we have to travel to find godly men, and some of us to join a church 5 or 6 miles off. We beg an augmentation for maintenance of Nich. Penwarne of New-inn Hall, Oxon, an able and godly preacher, to preach on Lord's Day afternoon, and lecture on Tuesday weekly. 19 signatures. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

130. I. *Certificate of Ant. Palmer, pastor of Burton, co. Gloucester, and* 4 *others, in favour of Penwarne.* 25 *Sept.* 1658. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 27. Note of augmentation ordered. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 3].

[Sept. 27.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Commission to the Lord Deputy to be Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the commissions to the Council and judges there renewed. [*Col.* 22.]

The commissions of the Admiralty Judges and Registrars renewed. [*Col.* 1.]

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Index of entries of Proceedings in Council (*cont.*)

Duke of Buckingham allowed to come to York House for a week, (with 5 later extensions of 14 days each). [*Col.* 3.]

2,250*l.* due to his Highness for moneys lent for the public service. [*Col.* 27.]

Treasury Commissioners to pay 2,250*l.* to Mr. Waterhouse. [*Col.* 43.]

The business of Count Corillack [Carillac] referred. [*Col.* 7.]

Col. Guibon's letter and account referred. [*Col.* 18.]

Petition of an agent from Nevis referred. [*Col.* 29.]

Hugh Courtney released. [*Col.* 7.]

Prisoners in the Gatehouse released. [*Col.* 32.]

A Committee to meet with the Dutch Ambassador. [*Col.* 9.]

Report and augmentation for Bennet's rectory, Peter Paul's Wharf. [*Cols.* 3, 32.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 55–58.]

Sept. 28. **131, 132.** Order in Council on the report of a Committee on the claim of Eliz. Salmon's children to lands near Chatham, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, as part of the public buildings of Chatham Dock are erected on the lands; they are to have an impartial survey made, boundaries and landmarks examined, and if on return thereof they see cause, they are to treat with the claimants on the best terms they can, and report. [2 *copies.*] *Annexing,*

132. I. *Order by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, for the said survey to be made, and a report given what boundaries or marks yet remain for distinguishing the lands, and for treating with the persons who claim the inheritance for such part as is necessary for the Navy, on the best terms and in such a way as they judge convenient.* 23 *Oct.* 1658. [⅔ *page.*]

[Sept. 28.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Black allowed for his late Highness's funeral, 1,500*l.* towards it and 600*l.* more later, paid to John Maidstone. [*Cols.* 15, 27.]

Sept. 28. Toulon. **133.** Capt. John Stoakes to Council. I received yours about a parcel of cochineal taken from an Armenian who came from the Spanish Indies, where I hear he lived 28 years, so that if he be married, it must be to a Spaniard, and his habit was not Armenian. The cochineal was the growth of the Indies, and bound for Cadiz in a Dutch ship, the Spaniards then using no others for transport. Being at Tunis, I thought it my duty not to let it pass on so slight a claim, and as I wanted money to redeem captives and to clean the ships, I sold it to Thos. Campion, consul there, at 5 pieces of 8 the lb., and it weighed 158 lbs., so I received 790 pieces of 8, worth 5*s.* each, and have given the State credit in my accounts for the sum. With note of receipt 14 Oct., and reference 4 Nov. 1658. [1 *page.*]

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Sept. 29. / Oct. 8. Bremen. Maria Magdalena, *née* Van Jaxheim, widow of Sir John Urry, to the King. My husband sacrificed his life in your service, and I and my 5 children are in a deplorable condition, but I am sure you will be mindful of us when you are restored to your rights. As my husband's extraction is not so well known in Germany as mine, I beg you to sign and seal a paper sent herewith attesting it, as my eldest daughter is preferred by the Duchess of Wolfenbuttel, who wants to know her ancestry by her father. The Countess of Brentford will present the paper, which will conduce to the advancement of my children. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

[Sept. 30.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

The maintenance for 2 ministers at Crewkerne referred.

Col. Wm. Cromwell, one stone horse [pass for?] [*Col.* 7.]

An augmentation granted to Alton living. [*Col.* 1.

Mourning allowed to Mr. Gaunt. [*Col.* 18.]

Accounts of Maj. Waterhouse and others for transporting soldiers to Mardike referred. [*Col.* 43.]

Reference of the petition of the officers arrested about new buildings. [*Col.* 3.]

The Lord President to sign warrants. [*Col.* 32.]

The Dutch ambassador's paper debated. [*Col.* 9.]

The Lord Mayor to be spoken with about the assessments of London. [*Col.* 26.]

The arrears and future payment of London assessments referred. [*Col.* 26.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 61–65.]

Sept. 30. **134.** Estimate of the expense about a horse guard, and a guard for the horsemen to be made at the Mews, 200 ft. long, 26 ft. wide, and 10 ft. high; total, 277*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Sept. 30. Order in Council that the said guard house be built. [*I.* 84, *col.* 18.]

Sept. 30. / Oct. 10. Brussels. **135.** The King to Mr. Grigson. I am so assured of your good affection that I promise myself any service you can do me; I have therefore appointed the bearer, your good friend [John Jackson?] to tell you all that has passed concerning Mr. Bolton, and to adjust that account with you. Whatever remains in your hands, or in others' with whom you have credit, return to me as soon as you can; your affection shall be requited when it falls within my power. [1 *page, holograph, signed.*]

Sept. 30. **136.** Gilbert Layte, "one of the children of the Lord whose testimony in the truth is that those that are in Christ cannot swear at all," to Hen. Scobell, to be read in Council. See that you determine the cause of the people with sound judgment, that the innocent may be unburdened, and the oppressed eased of the heavy burden of unjust laws, making them evil doers because they cannot break Christ's command, nor disown the apostles' doctrine, which forbids to swear, and keeps to yea and nay. Many have long lain

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in prison for not disobeying Christ's order, Swear not. All swearers are shut out from the life, power, and spirit of Christ, so take heed how you cause any to sin against him. You must wait to know the spirit, and receive the saints' testimony, in which you will see that none should swear at all. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

1. *Mittimus for apprehension of Quakers, viz.: From Lancelot Fletcher, J.P. of Cumberland, to the keeper of Carlisle gaol, to receive Mat. Robinson, for disturbing Thos. Denton, minister at Brigham, on* 7 *Jan.* 1657–8, *to be kept without bail, and proceeded against the next sessions. Tallantyre,* 18 *January* 1657–8. *Also*

Like mittimus by Wm. Thomson, of Thorneslat, J.P., to receive Rich. Robinson and Jos. Nicholson, for disturbing Jas. Thompson, in Corney parish church, on 30 *May, and Anere Thompson, in Drigg church, on* 13 *June.* 14 *June* 1658. *Also*

Like mittimus by Sir Geo. Fletcher, Bart., high sheriff of Cumberland, to Wm. Salkeld, bailiff of Allendale ward, to attach John Askow on an Exchequer writ, at suit of Rich. Hutton, clerk, and deliver him to Geo. Marton, gaoler at Carlisle. [1½ *pages.*]

Sept. 30. **137.** Note of the numbers of Quakers in the several prisons of England, total, 114. With address by a Quaker to [the Protector?] Many of these prisoners have been in 2 years; some for bidding the priest repent and the people fear God; some for not swearing; others for not doffing their hats to a proud man; all for conscience' sake and not for evil doing. Some are hauled out of their meetings and whipped; some are almost killed going to meetings; lately, a house was plucked down, and many indicted for not coming to the steeple house, though they keep constant Christian meetings. "Therefore consider these things now they are come before thee, and appear for them; then wilt thou answer that of God in the conscience which cries for justice. And remember the goodness of the Lord, how he hath covered thy head in the wars; and consider to what purpose he gave thee thy life, and forget not his mercies. I have some desires to see thee afore I leave this nation." [1 *page.*]

Sept. 30. Note of reference of the above case in Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 34.]

Sept. 30. **138.** John Fielder and 19 other Quakers to the Protector and Council. It may seem strange to you that so many friends should be cast into prison that there is hardly a gaol where there are not some. It is no less strange to us that such sufferings should come on us for conscience' sake, when most of us have been instruments with you in casting off the burden of oppression, and when you have so much pretended liberty of conscience, and have practised the same things for which we now suffer.

What have we done? What laws have we broken? What plots have we engaged in? Have we not patiently borne the greatest sufferings ever since Queen Mary's days? We have been persecuted,

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beaten, stoned, stocked, hauled out of our synagogues, cast into dungeons and noisome vaults, denied food for days together, not allowed pen, ink, and paper, and a legal trial refused or postponed for months, or years, during which some have died.

It will be answered, "They are common disturbers of ministers; they will not pay tithes; they will not swear; they will not put off their hats; they travel up and down from one country to another without a magistrate's pass; and on the first days, to meetings at great distance; they will not pay fees when they are brought into courts, nor plead in the form there used, nor give security to keep the peace, or to be of good behaviour, when the justices of peace require it, and we have laws or customs that require these things should be done."

Was not freedom of conscience the great cause of the late wars? Christ only should rule the conscience. We submit to every ordinance of man that we do not think contrary to the laws of God. Arguments in favour of these views, and against a paid ministry, the priests being sprung from the old root of episcopacy; against tithes; taking of oaths; paying deferences to judges, &c. The Puritans used to travel many miles to worship God, and were not punished as vagabonds.

Warning to kings and rulers not to uphold false prophets, but to leave the power with Christ. We stand against Parliament, Councils, and all who make or execute laws against conscience. We beg you to consider if it is not time to reform the laws. [4 *pages*, 20 *signatures*.]

Sept. ? **139.** "A list of Friends (Quakers) who are now prisoners in the several gaols of this nation, for conscience' sake, that those in authority may see what is done in the nation, and what work is committed by evil men against the servants of the Lord, to the ruin of many families, if not speedily prevented:"—

7	in Winchester.	1	in Lewes.
4	„ Carlisle.	5	„ Horsham.
1	„ Appleby.	2	„ Bristol.
1	„ Hull.	3	„ Cambridge.
4	„ York.	2	„ Cardiff.
12	„ Ivelchester,	1	„ Bodmin.
4	„ Norwich.	4	„ Hertford.
1	„ Huntingdon.	10	„ Colchester.
4	„ Ipswich.	1	„ Marlborough.
1	„ Bury St. Edmunds.	1	„ Aylesbury.
1	„ Melton [Suffolk].	3	„ Oxford.
3	„ Northampton.	8	„ Dorsetshire.
8	„ Fleet, London.	1	„ Newgate, London.
1	„ Kendal.	1	„ Gatehouse, Westminster.
1	„ Pontefract.	2	„ Salisbury.
1	„ Taunton.	1	„ Leicester.
10	„ Gloucester.	1	„ White Lion, London.
3	„ Durham.		
1	„ Canterbury.	123	

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In parallel columns are, on one side, the names of the prisoners, and the causes for which they assert themselves to have been committed; on the other, the government explanation of the case, *e.g.*:—

Ant. Mellage, lately a captain of a ship of war for the State, now as a vagabond put in prison at Winchester.	For high misdemeanour, committed by the Judge to the house of correction till he give security to return home.
Dan. Baker, lately a captain of a ship of war, now in Winchester prison for speaking to a priest.	Convicted for disturbing a minister in Divine service.
John Levenes, formerly a captain of a troop of horse in the Army for the Parliament, and yet still a justice of peace, was committed into Hull prison for having a meeting at his house.	Sent thither by Major Cambridge, by virtue of an order from his Highness for being at a tumultuary meeting at Leeds.
Ant. Hakes, for refusing to levy money upon friends for travelling to a meeting upon a first day of the week, prisoner now at York.	For not serving a warrant of the justice of peace for profanation of the Lord's day.
Rich. Farmer, for reading of a letter in the steeple house.	Discharged last assizes.
One in Hertford gaol, for setting up a paper of truth against a priest.	Committed to the house of correction for 3 months for disturbing a minister.
Wm. Allen, put in Colchester gaol by Dudley Temple for going to a meeting.	A person of evil behaviour and disturbing the peace, refusing to find sureties.

The following is an abstract of the remaining alleged causes of commitment:—

60 non-payment of tithes.
32 speaking or going to a priest, or going to a steeple-house.
4 going to or holding meetings.
2 being vagabonds.
6 not taking off the hat.
1 speaking to people in the graveyard.
2 refusing to take an oath.
1 bidding a priest prove his doctrine.
1 saying God was the word, and not the scriptures.
1 reading a paper in Pontefract schoolhouse.
1 speaking to Geo. Lilborne.
6 causes not named.

The speaking to priests or going to steeple-houses are generally explained as disturbing divine worship; the not taking off the hat as contempt or misbehaviour in court.

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John Winter, of East Kent, had his house plundered by a priest for tithes to the value of 99*l.* The 8 in the Fleet have been prisoners 2 years for tithes, yet the priest makes spoil of their goods at leisure.

The 10 in Gloucester are in prison "for that they cannot pay tithes unto a man they know is not of God's sending, no minister of Christ, that teacheth for filthy lucre, and minds earthly things; such minds not the Lord Jesus, but their own bellies."

Edw. Nouks, prisoner at Canterbury, had 99*l.* worth of his goods taken away for tithes.

In Marlborough 3 more were whipped. "It's their common practice to whip friends; they lately whipped a judge's maid and a citizen of London."

9 are said to have died in prison. "The blood of these 9 innocent lambs lies upon you."

The paper thus concludes—

"Now ye that be in authority, consider these things, for they concern you if you judge for the Lord; search the records, and you will hardly find so many in prison for conscience' sake since the days of Queen Mary, as now is in your day; and if you do not release them, but harden your heart against them, and let them lie and die in prison, it is a sign you are without pity and without feeling." [3 *sheets, pasted together.*]

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Oct. 1. **1.** Resignation by Barnaby Love, B.L., in presence of Rich. Osgood, public notary, and 2 witnesses, of the office of principal registrar of the Chancellor's Court, Oxford, being wishful to be free from the burden thereof. Hen. Beeston and Wm Gawen to be his procurators in resigning the office to the Protector, as Chancellor of the University, and to obtain the avoidance thereof for him. 4 *signatures.* [1 *page.*]

Oct. $\frac{2}{12}$. Brussels. **2.** Pass from the King to John Jackson, his faithful subject, who is about to travel. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, French, not signed.*]

Oct. 5. **3.** Request of Col. T. Biscoe to his Excellency, to move Council for an order for 100 firelocks, 70 pikes, and 120 collars of bandoleers, in lieu of so many sent with the soldiers of his regiment into Flanders. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

Oct. 5. Note in Council of the reference of this request. [*I.* 84, *col.* 3.]

[Oct. 5.] **4.** Petition of the mayor, bailiffs, and commonalty of Oxford, to the Protector. We have this day, 30 Sept. 1658, received your letter, dated 23 Sept., commanding us to give an account concerning the election of Mr. Whistler, mayor, who was heretofore sequestered, has compounded, and by the petition and advice, is rendered incapable of office; also suspending the swearing in of Whistler. We

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have forborne accordingly, but we believe you are misinformed. We have never heard that he was sequestered, or that he compounded, or that he acted in the late wars otherwise than by living at his usual place of habitation, and paying forced taxes whilst under the power of the enemy. He was mayor of Oxford at the beginning of the Long Parliament, and since the rendition of Oxford, he has continued an alderman, and lived peaceably, and given signal proof of his good affection to the present Government. We should not have elected him if he were such a person as he is represented. As we cannot elect other officers till he is sworn in, and as Thomas Dennis, the preceding mayor, is so infirm that he cannot further attend the service, we pray your order that we may swear Whistler in at once. 30 Sept. 1658. [*Parchment*, 1 *sheet*.]

Oct. 5. Note of order in Council that the letter for Whistler to suspend his oath be vacated. [*I.* 84, *col.* 43.]

[Oct. 5.] Index of entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Fras. Finch, leave to come to London. [*Col.* 15.]

Instructions to be renewed to the Lord-Lieutenant, Council, and judges in Ireland. [*Col.* 22.]

A letter from Col. Doyly in Jamaica read. [*Col.* 22.]

Sir Mat. Tomlinson's proposals referred; his horses to be duty free. [*Col.* 40.]

The Lincoln petition about Justice Wyndham referred. [*Col.* 26.]

300*l.* in Scotland to Marg. Hamilton. [*Col.* 20.]

Maj.-Gen. Leslie's petition for liberty referred. [*Col.* 26.]

" Overton's " " [*Col.* 31.]

The prisoners' case referred to a committee. [*Col.* 32.]

The petition of the trustees for the estate of Birt, bankrupt, referred. [*Col.* 3.]

Wm. Osborne's certificate confirmed, and Salmon's debt from the estate. [*Cols.* 3, 36.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 66–69.]

Oct. 5. **5.** Order in the Committee of Council on the petition of Wm. Kiffin and others, on behalf of themselves and their congregations, for a grant of the Old Artillery Ground (except the house and place for proof of muskets, and liberty for the practice of ordnance in gun-range) for the use of the said congregation for 99 years;—that the Admiralty Commissioners have the said grounds and buildings viewed, consider what can be granted without prejudice to the State, and certify. [1 *page*.]

Oct. 6. Cockermouth. **6.** Thos. Smith to Williamson. I send you a bulky enclosure to Lamplugh. I hope you are safe at Oxford, and all there well. Tell me your thoughts about my business there. St. Thomas' day is unseasonable for a long journey, and I fear neither ways nor weather will mend between that and Christmas. Your brother, sisters-in-law, and friends here are well. [1 *page*.]

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Oct. 7. **7.** Order in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners order the Ordnance officers to issue match in proportion to the 40 barrels of powder ordered 6 Sept. for the militia of London. [¾ *page.*]

8. Like order referring to the Admiralty Commissioners the petition of merchants trading to the East Indies, for a convoy to some ships laden by them in the East Indies. [½ *page.*]

[Oct. 7.] Index of entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Depremont and Ladore summoned. [*Col.* 9.]

The bailiff of Pevensey summoned. [*Col.* 32.]

The petition of the soap-boilers of London referred. [*Col.* 36.]

Col. Guibon's company referred. [*Col.* 18.]

[Augmentation for] Mr. Manning, lecturer at Sibton-cum-Pensenhall. [*Cols.* 27, 36.]

Col. Salmon's company from Flanders. [*Col.* 36.]

Phil. Fox summoned. [*Col.* 15.]

Clement Wakelin summoned. [*Col.* 43.]

The case of the riots in Needwood Forest referred; troops sent there, and reference made to the sheriff. [*Col.* 29.]

Sherwood Forest verderer's fines, &c., referred. [*Col.* 36.]

Rob. Tutchin, of Brockness, augmentation. [*Cols.* 3, 40.]

3*l.* a week to Mrs. Christian English. [*Col.* 14.]

The salary of Denis Bond, deceased, to be paid. [*Col.* 3.]

Mr. Fauntleroy to have an allowance as clerk of the Pells. [*Col.* 15.]

Lighthouses to be erected in Ireland, and the rates for the duties referred. [*Col.* 22.]

Thos. Brown, consul at Tunis, to make a deputy. [*Col.* 3.]

Augmentation to Bury St. Edmunds. [*Col.* 3.]

His late Highness's funeral to be on 9 Nov. [*Col.* 15.]

Report on a charter for Tewkesbury. [*Col.* 40.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 70–74.]

Oct. 7. Whitehall. Admiralty Commissioners to Capt. Stoakes. The winds being now east, the Tiger and victualling ship sailed from the Downs on the 2nd for Toulon. We send you a pamphlet of the good success of our forces in Jamaica over the Spaniard. [1 *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

Oct. 9. The prison, Ostend. **9.** Wm. Brassey to his wife, care of Wm. Brassey, Green Dragon Alley, Wapping. The women came for the 3 Dutch letters you inclosed in yours. As we are in a very sad condition, and ready to perish with cold and hunger, I hope you will do your utmost to get my release, as we have little hopes here. A list of all our names was sent by the Lords of Ostend by the last packet, but we have not yet heard anything in reply. With the names of Paule Peterson and Fras. Puxgin subscribed. [½ *page.*]

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Oct. 9. **10.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that the Navy Commissioners cause copies of the following order to be framed, and hung up in the yards at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, and Portsmouth, enquire from time to time whether the same is observed, and cause the penalties to be inflicted where they find cause:—"Upon consideration of the damage that has accrued to the State by the liberty the officers of the several yards take to absent themselves from their duties without leave, and by the carelessness and negligence of divers of them in the performance of their duties when present, whereof there has been a sad instance of late in the case of the Entrance:—It is ordered that none of the said officers do absent themselves for the time to come from their respective charges, but diligently attend the same, unless upon urgent occasion they have leave for so doing from the Commissioner upon the place; or that in his absence, as likewise in the yards where no Commissioner resides, those that are borne in ordinary have the leave of the master-attendant, and in extra of the master-shipwright, upon pain of loss of place; and that the master-shipwright and master-attendant do not, in the absence of the Commissioner, leave their charges, without licence first obtained from the Navy or Admiralty Commissioners. And it is further ordered that as well every neglect of duty, as the doing thereof unskilfully and imprudently, contrary to former directions or right reason, whereby the ships or stores of the navy are endangered, shall be punished with the loss of place and pay, although no further damage (which God forbid) do actually come thereby." [1½ *pages.*]

Oct. 12. **11.** Petition of Elizabeth, widow of Nath. Smith, late mayor of Dover, to the Protector. On your orders, and those of Sec. Thurloe, my husband took great care of the sick and wounded from Mardike and Dunkirk, attending them on their arrival, providing quarters, visiting them, providing them necessaries, and paying the inhabitants weekly, "and endured their most noisome scents and smells, which hired servants would not," which encouraged the inhabitants to receive them, though they brought sickness and death into almost every family where they came, and have caused my great loss, being left with 6 small children. In 1648, I lost my former husband, slain in defence of Dover Castle, and had no compensation. I beg a competent allowance for me and my children. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

11. I. *Wm. Cullen, mayor of Dover, to Council. I beg your help for this widow, the rather that Sec. Thurloe, hearing of her husband's sickness, wrote to promise him encouragement for his service, of which he took notice on his dying bed. The loss to this corporation cannot easily be repaired. Dover* 4 *Sept.* 1658. [1 *page.*]

11. II. *Eliz. Smith to Sec. Thurloe. I beg you to pass some of my trouble from me. My husband promised payments to the inhabitants of Dover for necessaries for the sick and wounded. I beg payment with speed to Mr. Merryweather of London, to whom I have sent the account.*

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I beg you also to promote my petition to Council for some recompense, as you promised my husband in his sickness. Dover, 10 *Sept.* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 12. Note of an order in Council for money to be paid to the widow. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 36.]

[Oct. 12.] Index of entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

East India Company's report touching injuries by the Dutch. [*Col.* 14.]

Times of sitting of the Council's committees appointed [*Col.* 7.]

Commissioners to meet the Dutch ambassador. [*Col.* 9.]

Account of the late mayor of Dover for the sick from Flanders there. [*Col.* 15.]

Petition about the Thomas of Ipswich referred. [*Col.* 40.]

The business of new buildings referred. [*Col.* 3.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 81–84.]

Oct. 12. [Officers of the Fleet to the Protector.] God has taken your most renowned father, whom the Lord made a most wise and successful captain for the deliverance of his people from a profane and enraged party, that sought not only their oppression but utter ruin, and also an instrument by whose prudent government peace has been preserved, in the midst of the restless attempts of all sorts of enemies; religion has been preserved, and the interest and honour of the nation promoted. We cannot but notice the indulgence he showed us who served him in his fleet; and in our address to you, express our deep sorrow at this sad providence, looking on it as a great rebuke from the hand of God; and yet he has mingled mercy with judgment, in raising you up to succeed your father, and giving you a peaceable entrance on the government, and we trust he will give you a double portion of your father's spirit, to carry on the work of liberty and reformation which he so successfully began.

Considering the difficulties with which he had to contest all his life long, and to which you are likely to succeed, we present this humble address, to assure you of our constant fidelity to you as rightful and undoubted Protector, and of our readiness to stand by you to the hazard of life and estate, and to defend you against Charles Stuart and his adherents, and all who endeavour to place the legislative authority otherwise than in a single person and 2 houses of Parliament. [2¼ *pages, copy. French correspondence.*]

Oct. 14. **12.** Admiralty Commissioners to Council. We have several times laid before you the great straits and necessities of naval affairs, and hoped something would have been done. We attended his late Highness at Hampton Court, and he assured us that if it pleased God he lived, he would speedily and reasonably provide.

The late sad change has constrained us to silence, but the need becoming more pressing, and no whit provided for, we must remind you thereof, the rather that the receipts assigned to the navy are again in part diverted and diminished, though falling very short of the charge.

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Cambridge sessions for disturbing the Minister at Over church, and sentenced to pay 5*l.*, not yet paid. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

17. I. *Warrant by Rich. Woodward, sheriff of co. Cambridge, for the seizure of Lechworth, for trespass and misdemeanour.* 21 *Sept.* 1657. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 19. **18.** Petition of Maurice Thomson, and other merchants of London, to the Protector, for leave to export to Amsterdam, or other places in amity, 150 out of 200 tons of saltpetre which they have lately imported from East India, the State being supplied at reasonable rates. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 19. **19.** Reference thereon in Council to the Admiralty Commissioners, to certify their opinion next Thursday. [½ *page; also I.* 88, *col.* 40.] *Annexing.*

19. I. *Report by the said Commissioners in favour of the licence, the Customs' Commissioners taking good assurance that ¼ of the whole proportion they have is reserved in town, in secure hands, for supply of the State.* 21 *Oct.* 1658. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 19. **20.** Petition of Hen. Beesley, Minister of Swarford, co. Oxon, to the Protector. Being ejected from my parsonage, I am rendered incapable of exercising my talent in the ministry. I send you a certificate from your Commissioners of my fitness, and beg your reference to Council, that by their approbation, I may be restored to the ministry. With reference thereon to the Privy Council. 18 October 1658. [1 *page.*] *Annexing.*

20. I. *Petition of Hen. Beesley to the Commissioners for ejecting [scandalous, &c., Ministers.] On March* 24 1656–7, *I attended you to defend myself, but it grew late before my case came on, several Commissioners left, and those remaining were not enough to examine witnesses on oath, and I heard no more till* 4 *days before my sentence. I beg, for the sake of my reputation and subsistence of my* 6 *children, that you will respite any order against me till you have heard my defence in presence of the Ministers in the commission.* [1 *page.*]

20. II. *Order thereon for suspension of proceedings till further examination of witnesses for the defence, the Commissioners to meet at the Guildhall, Oxford, on* 24 *May, those present at his ejection having special notice, and the Ministers in the Commission to be present.* 26 *April* 1658. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 19. Note in Council that the petition was dismissed. [*Index I.* 84, *col.* 3.]

Oct. 19. **21.** Report by the Committee for affairs in America, on the petition of Edith, widow of Wm. Goulder,—that Goulder listed at the Barbadoes, by order of Gen. Venables, as carpenter, 10 March 1654–5, and continued till he died in January 1656–7;—that as she is in a perishing condition, and has many children, 2*s.* 6*d.* a day should be

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[Oct. 16.] **15.** Account of Quakers in prison, names given, with their respective offences, speaking to ministers in churches, refusing to swear or take off the hat, attending meetings, and non-payment of tithes:—

Winchester, 7.	Durham, 4.
Carlisle, 4.	Canterbury, 1.
Appleby, 1.	Lewes, 1.
Yorkshire, 6.	Bristol, 2.
Ivelchester, 12.	Cambridge, 4.
Norwich, 4.	Cardiff, 2.
Huntingdon, 1.	Bodmin, 1.
Ipswich, 5.	Hertford, 3.
Melton, 1.	Colchester, 7.
Northampton, 3.	Marlborough, 1.
Warwick, 1.	Aylesbury, 1.
The Fleet, 9.	Oxford, 3.
Kendal, 1.	Dorsetshire, 8.
Pontefract, 1.	Horsham, 5.
Taunton, 1.	Newgate, 1.
Gloucester, 10.	

There are now 110 prisoners in gaols and houses of correction, many are sick, and 9 have died. [1 *sheet.*]

Oct. 16. **16.** Hen. Scobell to the keepers of the above-named prisons, and also to those of Hull, York, Bury St. Edmunds, Leicester, and the White Lion, Southwark. I am commanded by Council to require you send up a particular account of the cause of commitment and detention of the several persons undernamed in your prisons, and copies of the warrants by which they stand committed. [1 *page.*]

Oct. $\frac{17}{27}$. Amb. Lockhart to Sec. Thurloe. I find there has been an old grudge between Capt. Whitstone and Adm. Stoakes, though both are strangers to me. It seems the Admiral's jealousy arose from some civilities paid to Whitstone, because he is related to the late Protector, and shows the Admiral not so honourable as could be wished for. It is hard to believe that Whitstone could say such words of his Prince and benefactor, and had he been capable of it, he should be severely punished; but the Admiral should have avoided the scandal it gives in this country for a nephew of the late Protector to be so roughly dealt wtih. Even the timing of it looks unhandsome, being done immediately after receiving tidings of his death. Stoakes deserves a sound check. I send you copies of my letters to both, that if you do not approve, they may be altered. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

Oct. 18. Cambridge Castle. **17.** John Baron, keeper, to Scobell. I certify, in obedience to your letter, that Rob. Lettword or Lechworth is detained by virtue of a process from the Barons of Exchequer. Chris. Lancaster was detained for like cause, but has satisfied the Minister who prosecuted, and is discharged. The wife of Boniface Norris was convicted at

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Cambridge sessions for disturbing the Minister at Over church, and sentenced to pay 5*l.*, not yet paid. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

17. I. *Warrant by Rich. Woodward, sheriff of co. Cambridge, for the seizure of Lechworth, for trespass and misdemeanour.* 21 *Sept.* 1657. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 19. **18.** Petition of Maurice Thomson, and other merchants of London, to the Protector, for leave to export to Amsterdam, or other places in amity, 150 out of 200 tons of saltpetre which they have lately imported from East India, the State being supplied at reasonable rates. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 19. **19.** Reference thereon in Council to the Admiralty Commissioners, to certify their opinion next Thursday. [½ *page; also I.* 88, *col.* 40.] *Annexing.*

19. I. *Report by the said Commissioners in favour of the licence, the Customs' Commissioners taking good assurance that ¼ of the whole proportion they have is reserved in town, in secure hands, for supply of the State.* 21 *Oct.* 1658. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 19. **20.** Petition of Hen. Beesley, Minister of Swarford, co. Oxon, to the Protector. Being ejected from my parsonage, I am rendered incapable of exercising my talent in the ministry. I send you a certificate from your Commissioners of my fitness, and beg your reference to Council, that by their approbation, I may be restored to the ministry. With reference thereon to the Privy Council. 18 October 1658. [1 *page.*] *Annexing.*

20. I. *Petition of Hen. Beesley to the Commissioners for ejecting* [*scandalous, &c., Ministers.*] *On March* 24 1656–7, *I attended you to defend myself, but it grew late before my case came on, several Commissioners left, and those remaining were not enough to examine witnesses on oath, and I heard no more till* 4 *days before my sentence. I beg, for the sake of my reputation and subsistence of my* 6 *children, that you will respite any order against me till you have heard my defence in presence of the Ministers in the commission.* [1 *page.*]

20. II. *Order thereon for suspension of proceedings till further examination of witnesses for the defence, the Commissioners to meet at the Guildhall, Oxford, on* 24 *May, those present at his ejection having special notice, and the Ministers in the Commission to be present.* 26 *April* 1658. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 19. Note in Council that the petition was dismissed. [*Index I.* 84, *col.* 3.]

Oct. 19. **21.** Report by the Committee for affairs in America, on the petition of Edith, widow of Wm. Goulder,—that Goulder listed at the Barbadoes, by order of Gen. Venables, as carpenter, 10 March 1654–5, and continued till he died in January 1656–7;—that as she is in a perishing condition, and has many children, 2*s.* 6*d.* a day should be

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allowed her during his services amounting to 83*l.* 10*s.*, though he was not in the establishment. Treasury Chambers, 2 July 1658. [1½ *pages.*]

[Oct. 19.] Note of order in Council referring the case. [*I.* 84, *col.* 22.]

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[Oct. 19.] 2 butts of sack out of prize wines to Vice-Admiral Godson. [*Col.* 18.]

2 butts of sack out of prize wines to Sir Rich. Stainer. [*Col.* 36.]

The petition of Margetts, deputy judge advocate, referred. [*Col.* 27.]

40*l.* to Carter and the tapestry workmen at Mortlake. [*Cols.* 7, 27, 40.]

The augmentation for Carisbrook transferred to Newport, and Newport augmentation increased. [*Cols.* 7, 29.]

Augmentation to North Burcombe. [*Col.* 29.]

[*Missing order book, pp.* 95–97.]

Oct. 19. Ivelchester. **22.** Rich. Browne, keeper of the prison, to Scobell. I send you a copy (missing) of the causes against the persons named in your letter. The 3 women are of very mean estate, and unable to pay the fines. They have been here a year. The cause of the fine was that Mr. Strong, the minister, indicted them for a riot. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 19. York Castle. **23.** Jo. Thomlinson, keeper, to Scobell. I send you the warrants required. Rob. Mainford and Thos. Wawne were sued and cast into prison by the ministers of their parishes, for non-payment of tithes; also John Semerson, but he died last May, and Roger Hebden, but he was released 5 October last. And. Hawkes is prisoner for not serving a justice of peace's warrant.

If anything is done for release of these prisoners, request the release also of John Ellis and Mat. Maire, also detained for non-payment of tithes. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

23. I.—III. *Warrants for committals of the said persons, viz.:*

Semerson, by John Bright, sheriff, 3 *April* 1656, *died* 2 *May* 1658.
Hebden, 9 *August* 1658, *by Thomas Harrison, sheriff.*
Mainford, 28 *April* 1658, „ „ „
Wawne, 15 *May* 1658, „ „ „
Ellis and Maire, 18 *August* 1658, „ „
Hawkes, 18 *February* 1657–8, „ „ „

Oct. 19. Winchester Prison. **24.** John Hayward, keeper, to Scobell. I enclose you as ordered, my warrants for commitments [of Quakers] which I hope will answer your desires. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

24. I. *Mittimus by John Bulkeley for committal of Hum. Smith of Cowhorne, co. Herts; Ant. Mellage of Lyme, co. Dorset; and Wm. Bayley, charged with misdemeanours at Poulner in Ringwood, they refusing to give security for their good conduct.* 9 *February* 1657–8. *With order by Judge Windham, at the Lent assizes, that they be sent to the House of Correction, there to remain till they give security to return to their habitations.* [¾ *page.*]

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24. II. *Mittimus by Thos. Bowerman, for committal of Dan. Baker and Geo. Henderson, charged with disturbing Rob. Dingley, minister of Brixton [Isle of Wight], during his sermon on the Day of Humiliation* 19 *May* 1658. *With order at the quarter sessions in July, that they be kept at moderate labour in the House of Correction* 6 *months, or till they are legally discharged, paying fees.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

24. III. *Like mittimus for committal of John Day, Brixton, Isle of Wight, for the same offence,* 9 *July* 1658. *With order in sessions for the same punishment.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

24. IV. *Note of committal of Jas. Potter, by Wm. Wither, for disturbing Mr. Bentall, minister of Baghurst. On his trial at the summer assizes of* 1657, *before Baron Nicholas, he was fined* 5*l. for contempt of court, which being unpaid, he still remains in prison.* [*Scrap.*]

Oct. 19. Colchester Castle. **25.** Nich. Roberts, keeper, to Scobell. I am troubled at your letter requiring an account of the cause of commitment of the several persons under-named, whereas you only name Wm. Allen. I have other prisoners, some called Quakers, committed for refusing to pay tithes and other misdemeanours, some felons and debtors, a great number in all. I will give you a catalogue of as many as you please.

P.S.—Wm. Allen of Samford was committed by Justice Templer, 24 June 1658, as a disturber of the peace, and refusing to find security, was to remain in gaol. At the July sessions at Chelmsford, he was remanded till he should find securities for his good behaviour. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 19. Melton Prison, Suffolk. **26.** John Smyth, keeper, to Scobell. The only cause of commitment of Geo. Sheringe is non-payment of tithes; he is prosecuted in the Exchequer by Dame Vere Gawdy, widow. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

26. I. *Mittimus by Leicester, Viscount Hereford, bailiff of St. Etheldred's liberty, for his committal for trespasses and contempts,* 24 *Dec.* 1656. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Oct. 20. Ipswich Gaol. **27.** John Storye, keeper, to Scobell. The prisoners you enquire about are—

Wm. Alexander and George Whitehead, to be discharged on paying 8*s.* 8*d.* fees to the clerk of the peace, which they refuse to pay.

Arnold Nunn and Wm. Tummett, committed by Exchequer process for trespasses and contempts.

[1 *page.*]

Oct. 20. Oxford. **28.** Rob. Thorpe, keeper of the county gaol, to Scobell. I send you the warrants required. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

28. I. *Warrants by Wm. Draper, sheriff, for committal of Alex. Harris,* 20 *Jan., and of Thos. French and Wm. Cole,* 13 *March* 1657–58, *for trespasses and contempts.* [1 *page.*]

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Oct. 20. **29.** Rob. Currier, gaoler of Huntingdon, to Scobell. I have in my custody only debtors and felons, who, I understand, are not mentioned in your letter, except Simon Sandford.

I send you the warrant by Rich. Woodward, sheriff, for his committal on an Exchequer process, 13 Jan. 1657–58. He has been 39 weeks imprisoned at suit of John Manton, clerk of Altonbury. With the warrant. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 20. Bristol. **30.** John Roche, keeper of the gaol, to Scobell. John Withers and John Love were sent here for refusing to give sureties for good behaviour for some contempt, but Love was discharged a fortnight since, and Withers is just released. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 20. Gloucester. **31.** Step. Halford, keeper of the county gaol, to Scobell. I send the warrants by which the prisoners named in your letter are detained. Thos. White is not in my custody, but in the city gaol, Northgate, but I send his charge. Rich. Hollister, Rich. Marshall, and Isaac Whiting were set at liberty some time since. With list of his 6 prisoners. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

31. I. *Warrants by John Bernard, sheriff, for committal of—*
Jos. Tomlins, to answer Toby Edmonds on a plea of trespass, 30 *March* 1658.
Thos. Hopcott, of Stoke Orchard, to answer Tim. Gale on a plea of debt, 13 *April* 1658.
Fras. Pinnel, on an Exchequer process for trespass, 31 *May* 1658.

Oct. 20. **32.** Wm. Wilson, keeper of Dorchester Gaol, to Scobell. I send you an account of the causes of the commitment and detention of the persons named in your letter. They were committed before I was keeper:—John Gundry and Eliz. Atkins for disturbing Jeremiah French, minister of South Parrott; Geo. Harris, Peter Maker, Thos. Strickland, and Fras. Dunbar for misbehaviour before the justices of peace; Wm. Elliott and Thos. Stone were never in my custody, but Stone is in the Bridewell at Sherborne. I entreat your answer for discharge of the parties. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 20. Taunton. **33.** Edw. Coram, deputy-keeper of the house of correction, to Scobell. Wm. Wookey was brought in by an order at the sessions of 17 July 1658, being indicted for disturbing the minister of Lidford at service on the Lord's day, found guilty by a jury, and committed for 5 months. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 20. **34.** Petition of Capt. Walter Everenden, of Battel, co. Sussex, to the Protector. It is experimentally known that the best pistol and fowling powder was made at Battel; the maker is now fallen to decay, and is unable to carry on the work, and has applied to me for a large loan of money, but I am unwilling to enter on the business without your consent. I beg an order licensing me to make 8 or 10 tons yearly, this being but such a proportion as will defray my costs. With holograph reference thereon to Council. [1 *page.*]

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Oct. 20. Reference thereon by Council to the Admiralty Commissioners to report. [½ *page.*]

[Oct. 20.] Index entries of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Congerston and Shackerston rectories [co. Leicester] united. [*Cols.* 7, 36.]

The Dover account for moneys disbursed there for sick and wounded soldiers referred. [*Col.* 9.]

A month's pay to Lord Montague's regiment. [*Col.* 27.]

On report from the Dutch ambassador, the marine treaty to be considered; also the injuries by the Dutch to the East India Company. [*Cols.* 9, 14.]

Money to be provided for the guards of horse and foot about London. [*Col.* 18.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 98–100.]

Oct. $\frac{21}{31}$. Whitehall. Rob. Blackborne to Capt. John Stoakes. I am sorry for the trouble Whitstone has caused you, in the midst of your difficulties in the service. If you can prove what is objected, the course you have taken is very prudential, but the depositions must be taken in a large and punctual manner, not insisting so much on the number of articles as the weight and substance of them, that they be offences within the compass of the articles of war. Take the examinations of as many of the fleet as will voluntarily depose, and especially send over such officers as can give clearest proof of the charge, by exchange of officers in case they belong to the ships that are to remain with you. Conceal this advice from the knowledge of any. [1 *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

Oct. $\frac{21}{31}$. Note of a letter from Rich. Creed to Capt. Stoakes, that though a great friend of Whitstone's mother and brother-in-law, he blames him, as also his lieutenant, Stuart; he says that Whitstone has spoken much against Stoakes for trusting all his secret affairs to Mr. Wilson. [*Scrap, French correspondence.*]

Oct. $\frac{21}{31}$. Whitehall. Admiralty Commissioners to Capt. Stoakes. We are sorry to hear of your illness, and to find that Capt. Whitstone has given such public cause of scandal and offence as to be suspended his command; but as you represent the case, we think you have done well in it, and the Protector signifies his pleasure as follows :—

In case of your disability by sickness or death, Capt. Rob. Saunders, of the Torrington, is to take charge of the whole squadron. The 5 frigates ordered home are to be sent home in charge of some other officer, and Whitstone to be sent in custody, with his charge, and witnesses to prove it.

Thus you see that no ill construction is put on your proceedings, but his Highness will consider it impartially. Whitstone was not ordered to bring home the frigates to encourage him in his difference with you, nor to discountenance you in your command, but from respect to his Highness, to whom he stood related, but whose favour he has lost by his miscarriage. We hope to hear of the arrival of the Tiger and victualling ship, and a confirmation of Capt. Saunders' good success in firing Papochin's ship.

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The Dutch fleet is gone to the relief of the Dane, but may be too late. The 5 ships coming home may convoy English shipping homeward bound from any Mediterranean port. With note by Gen. Montague. I have presented your subscriptions to his Highness, who expressed much affection and thankfulness, and I thank you for your concurrence. [2¼ *pages, copy. French correspondence.*]

Oct, 21. Durham. **35.** Jo. Jopling, keeper of the castle, to Scobell. I have sent copies of the warrants ordered, but one of the prisoners, Marg. Ramshaw, spinster, was only to remain till the sessions, so she is now at large; the other says he was committed for non-payment of tithes. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

35. I. *Warrant by Rich. Rowe for committal of Marg. Ramshaw of Sunderland, for disturbing Josias Dockery, Minister of Lanchester, in divine service on* 18 *July, and for her detention till the next general sessions.* 19 *July* 1658. *Also*

Warrant by Tim. Whittingham, sheriff, for committal of Jas. White, to answer Thos. Bowes on a plea of trespass in the Upper Bench. 13 *February* 1657–58. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 21. **36.** Return from [the gaol keeper of] co. Herts, *viz.:*

Warrant by Edw. Gardiner, sheriff, for committal of Geo. Huckle and Wm. Dogett, for trespass and contempt. 29 January 1657–58.

Order at the sessions that Hen. Feast, husbandman, of Roydon, Essex, be committed till he pay a fine of 5*l.* for disturbing the minister of Hunsdon, co. Herts, and 9*s.* 8*d.* fees. 19 April 1658.

Like order that Thos. Harris, of Thorly, be kept 3 months in the house of correction with hard labour, for disturbing the minister of Thorly. 4 October 1658. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 21. **37.** Return from Bold Boughey, warden of the Fleet prison, London. Warrant for Wm. Clater's committal for refusing to answer Dove Williamson on a bill of attachment, in contempt of court. 1 June 1656.

Also for Rich. Robinson, Alex. Hebblethwaite, and Jas. Corney, for not answering a bill of Rich. Atkinson's. 23 Oct. 1656.

Also Rich. Markes and Walter Mably on like grounds. 21 Nov. 1656.

Also Chas. Barrett and David Hall on like cause. 8 May 1657.

Also John Lucas on like cause. 29 June 1658.

Also Wm. Glidwell on like cause. 29 June 1658.

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[Oct. 21.] **38.** The above-named Fleet prisoners, Chas. Barrett excepted, to Scobell. Hearing that the warden was to send you the causes of our commitment, and we having copies of the same, and knowing the causes assigned to be false, send you the true reasons why we are kept in prison. Hebblethwaite, Corney, and Robinson did put in an answer to the bill of the master of Trinity College, Cambridge,

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as the farmers of tithes, but have been 2 years in prison because they would not break Christ's command by swearing to their answers.

Similar statement in reference to the remainder, except two, who were not even asked to swear.

"All we were willing to appear and to give in our answers, yet because we could not swear, they cast us into prison, which they call a contempt, but we are obedient to the doctrine of Christ and the Apostle, who saith, 'Swear not at all.'"

"Is not this a sad thing amongst you, that obedience to Christ's commands is called a contempt? And thus the righteous suffer, and few lays it to heart, not only we, but many more in other prisons."

If you would send for any 2 of us, we could give you further satisfaction. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 21. White Lion Prison, Surrey. **39.** Return by Wm. Arthur, keeper. Warrant by Thos. Walker, sheriff, for committal of Hen. Gill of Eshing, to answer Isaac Fortrey, clerk, on a plea of trespass. 10 Aug. 1658. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. [21.] **40.** Information that Edwin Rich, being at Beccles on Lord's Day, and missing the Lord's prayer and other forms which he expected, stirred up the townsmen against the preacher, and in the afternoon, went to hear a scandalous minister. He told Mr. Clarke that those who refused these formalities, and to administer the Sacrament to all that desired it, would soon be banished, and told the townsmen that if he were a Parliament man, as he had a hand in bringing Mr. Clarke into the town, he would have a hand in helping him out. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 21. **41.** Report on the case, that Rich acknowledges on examination that he went to hear Clarke preach, and also Mr. Cocke of Bartham, reputed a godly minister; also that he spoke in private in favour of using the Lord's prayer and baptism, and of the universal administering of the Sacrament, but denies stirring up the people against Mr. Clarke. He has forborne, by Council's order, to attend his place in Chancery, and if he has given offence, he is very sorry for it. With note of order of 9 Dec. 1658. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 22. Pontefract. **42.** Rob. Cooper, mayor, to Hen. Scobell. I received an express from you directed to the keeper of our prison, to certify the cause of commitment of Rich. Stubbs, but no such person is or has been prisoner here. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 22. Leicester. **43.** John Wale, gaoler, to Scobell. Rich. Farmer was set at liberty last assizes by Lord Widdrington, and bound to good behaviour till next assizes. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

43. I. *Warrant by Fras. Shute for committal of Rich. Farmer, jun., of Twycross, for disturbing divine worship there, on* 27 *June* 1658, *to be kept till set free by order of law.* 14 *July* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 22. London. Levant Company to John Hobson, Venice. The Proveditors of Zante and Cephalonia, lately returned to Venice, are questioned on

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our complaints in England and yours at Venice, for exactions on our nation there, one of which is a gratuity of 1 per 1,000 to the regiment, before they were permitted to lade. As we have now an opportunity for a full redress of grievances, we beg you to discover where the fraud lies; if in our factors, send in certificates to enable us to recover it of them; if in the Proveditors, procure restitution of what is unjustly taken. Especially obtain an effectual decree from the Senate, abolishing the tax in future, and let this be solemnly proclaimed by trumpet in both islands. We will defray the charge. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 311.]

[Oct 23.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Letters to the Receivers-general for pay of the Lord Protector's regiment of horse, and of Sir Phil. Twisleton's regiment. [*Cols.* 32, 40.]

Two thirds of the money arising from new buildings to be paid to the Treasurers-at-war. [*Col.* 3.]

A month's pay out of the money by new buildings to be given to the guards of horse and foot about London. [*Col.* 18.]

Leave granted to Amb. Lockhart to come over. [*Col.* 25.]

Council to adjourn. [*Col.* 7.]

The Dutch ambassador's papers, touching English prizes brought into the Low Countries, reported and to be considered. [*Col.* 11.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 101–103.]

Oct. 23. Gray's Inn. **44.** — Ball to Williamson. Mr. Humphrey complains that he cannot get from Mr. Robinson the money for the goods you left with me in Paris to be transported. Pray write about it. I hoped to see you in Oxford this summer, but was disappointed. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Oct. 23. **45.** Order in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners order 8 more ships to be provided for the winter guard, and furnished with all necessaries for 3 or 4 months. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Oct. 23. Kendal. **46.** Jas. Sutton, keeper of the prison, to Scobell. I send you a warrant as requested. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

46. I. *Warrant by John Archer, J.P., for committal of Jane Waugh, spinster, for disturbing divine worship at Old Hutton Chapel, and refusing to find sureties for her good behaviour.* 1 *Aug.* 1658. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 23. Appleby. **47.** Geo. Becke, keeper of the prison, to Hen. Scobell. I have not the Geo. Taylor named in yours in my custody, but Thos. Taylor, found guilty 20 Aug. 1657 of disturbing the service at this church; he was fined 5 marks, and sent to me till it was paid; but the fine was estreated out of the Exchequer, and paid 19 Aug. 1658, Taylor was discharged. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 23. Northampton. **48.** John Smart, keeper of the county prison, to Scobell. I send the warrants required. I have no Wm. Soules, but I have a Wm. Lovell, of the same temper as the other two, but not here on the same account. Roberts is in the town gaol. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

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48. I. *Warrant from the late Protector for committal of Edw. Roberts till he pay 5l. 13s. damages and 2d. costs and 1l. 1s. 11d. increase to Lionell Goodrich, clerk. Jonathan Whiston, mayor, witness.* 2 *November* 1657. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

48. II. *Warrant by Sir Edw. Nicolls, Bart., for seizure of John Garrett on an Exchequer process for trespass and contempt.* 13 *Jan.* 1657-58. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page*].

48. III. *Note that Wm. Lovell was committed to pay a fine of 30l. at Epiphany sessions,* 1657–58. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*]

Oct. 24. Cardiff. **49.** Lewis Coxe and Art. Yeomans, serjeants-at-mace and prison keepers, to Scobell. We send you the warrants required. There have been no sessions of peace held here since the committal of the prisoners. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

49. I. *Warrant by Richard and John Sheere for committal of Tobie Hodges, tailor of Cardiff, for disturbing Benj. Flower, minister of St. John Baptist's Church, on* 19 *July* 1658, *during divine service.* 20 *July* 1658. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

49. II. *Like warrant for committal of Dorcas Erburie, of Cardiff, spinster, for the same cause.* 31 *Aug.* 1658. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Oct. 25. Carlisle. **50.** Geo. Marton, keeper of the prison, to Scobell. I send you the mittimus (missing) for committal of Jos. Nicholson, Richard and Mat. Robinson, and John Askewe, but they are now at liberty by order of the sessions at Carlisle. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Oct. 25. Aylesbury. **51.** Wm. Goodman [keeper of the prison] to Scobell. I have not the John Browne named in yours in my custody. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

51. I. *Copy of the letter of Council of* 16 *Oct. naming John Browne as in Aylesbury Prison.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

51. II. *Warrant by Thos. Coppin, sheriff of Bucks, for committal of Wm. Hickman to answer Sam. Treacher on a plea of trespass.* 10 *Sept.* 1658. [*Scrap, printed form filled up.*]

Oct. 25. Lewes. **52.** Nich. Shelley [keeper of the prison] to Scobell. I send the warrant required, but the detention expiring last sessions, the men were set at liberty. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

52. I. *Order in the quarter sessions for committal of John Pellett and Rich. Pratt, for making a mutiny and disturbing the open court of sessions, to be punished, and set to work, and remain till next sessions.* 15 *July* 1658. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

[Oct. 25.] Return by Rich. Lakins, keeper of Horsham Gaol, Sussex, *viz.:*—

53. Warrants for committal of John Snashall of Chiltington, Thos. Patching of Ifield, and Alice West, Quakers, for disturbing public worship, and of orders in sessions for their detention in gaol.

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Also of warrants for imprisonment of Rob. Adams, Rich. Prate, and Rich. Pockney, all of Sussex, for non-payment of tithes. 21 Dec. 1657 to 4 Oct. 1658. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 25. Bodmin. **54.** John Boxe, keeper of the prison, to Thurloe. I never had in my custody the Lowly Hambleton you name, but I had Loveday Hambley, who was discharged by sheriff's order a month ago. With his warrant for committal by Peter Jenkyn, sheriff, on an Exchequer process for trespass and contempt. 19 Aug. 1658. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 25. **55.** Petition of the parishioners of Bramham, West Riding, co. York, to the Protector and Council, for an augmentation for their minister. The donation of the rectory belongs to Christ Church, Oxford, and is only worth 20*l.* a year, chiefly in petty tithes and oblations, and surplice fees; as the late vicar was ejected by the Commissioners, it has been vacant a year, though the parish is very large and populous, consisting of divers towns and hamlets. Signed by 27 parishioners, and subscribed by Wm. Strickland and 11 other justices of peace, and by the following ministers—Hen. Fairfax of Bolton Percy, Edw. Bowles of York, Elias Pauson of Rither, Rob. Hitch of Guisley, E. Micklethwaite of Marston, Ri. Sykes of Spofforth, Ste. Arbush of Cawood, and John Kirshaw of Poppleton. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 25. Note of order for the said augmentation in Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 3.]

Oct. 25. **56.** Petition of Wm. Barker and Jas. Galatley, merchants of London, to Council. The Hope, of Lubec, coming from Koningsburg to London with hemp, was surprized in the Thames by Capt. John Welsh, by colour of a commission from the King of Sweden, on pretence that the lading belonged to subjects of Brandenburg and Poland, and was by him carried to Dunkirk, where she remains; but the ship is free, the lading belongs to us and other English, and part is contracted for by the Admiralty Commissioners. We beg your letters to the governor of Dunkirk, or some other means for restoration of the ship, and for punishment of Capt. Welsh, who has interrupted our trade. With note of order. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 25. Note of grant of the said request. [*I.* 84, *col.* 20.]

Oct. 26. **57.** Petition of Hum. Mackworth, governor, for the garrison and well-affected of Shrewsbury, to the Protector. John Tench, late marshal of the town and court, was during the wars an active and desperate malignant, and made a vow never to cut his hair till Charles Stuart reigned again in England. When the town was reduced, it was judged necessary for its peace not only to sequester him, but to banish him the town; yet when all was settled, he returned and tries to disaffect the townsmen, and create a party. Such is the unhappy state of the town that John Betton, lately chosen mayor, though formerly set aside for refusing the engagement, has displaced the marshal put in by the well-affected magistracy, and restored Tench to the office, and tries to turn out of office all that took the engagement. Since my coming to London,

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he has (contrary to the judgment of the Recorder) released Jasper Lloyd, ever a bitter cavalier, committed for speaking treasonable words.

We beg that Tench may be removed, and that the friends of the old interest may not be turned out of their places. With note of order 7 December 1658. [1 *sheet.*]

Oct. 26. Note of reference of the said petition in Council. [*I.* 84, *p.* 27.]

Oct. 26. **58.** Petition of Sol. Gravell of Maidstone, Kent, to the Protector. Being born in the King of Spain's dominions, near Flanders, and a Protestant, I have sheltered 20 years in England for liberty of religion, married an English wife, and maintained her four children many years as a feltmaker; but the hatters of London, and the haberdashers about me have lately disturbed me, on pretence that strangers are forbidden by law to exercise any calling. Having always behaved well, I beg to be allowed to maintain myself. With note of reference. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

58. I. *Lambard Godfrey to Lord Phil. Jones, one of the Privy Council. I beg your favour for Gravel, born in Hainault. He and his father came here* 20 *years since, and have traded according to patents in time of the late kings, which liberties in the late Protector's time, Parliament recommended Council to take care of, on which letters were written to the lord mayor. He has been several times prosecuted lately, and now in the Exchequer Court. Cases of this kind are important, and the man is diligent and orderly.* [1¾ *pages.*]

Oct. 26. Note of reference of his petition in Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 18.]

[Oct. 26.] **59.** Order in Council referring the petition of Rob. Mossell, Josias Hooscroft, John Hodges and others of co. Sussex—that lately returning home on the Lord's day from a place of worship, they were apprehended by the mayor of Arundel, indicted as profaners of the Lord's day, and committed to goal by the sessions—to Fiennes, Mr. Secretary, Fleetwood, Desborow, the Lord Chamberlain, Skippon, Mr. Comptroller, and Montague, to enquire and report. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

59. I. *Report by Desborow and Jones thereon, that Mr. Taylor, late mayor of Arundel should be summoned to attend Council with speed, to give an account of his proceedings in the matters complained of.* 11 *November* 1658. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 26. **60.** Order in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners appoint 2 fit vessels to convoy Sir George Ayscue and his company, in his present expedition to Sweden or Denmark. [½ *page.*]

[Oct. 26.] Index entries of proceedings in Council. [*I* 84.]

Proposals touching Surinam referred. [*Col.* 36.]

Chas. Goring released on bail. [*Col.* 18.]

W. Bound's paper of complaint against Mr. Sharpe referred. [*Cols.* 3, 36.]

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Index entries of proce[illegible]ers referred. [*Col.* 15.]

Bills of exchange from Fland[illegible]onberg. Jewel to Lord Mancini, 500*l.* for a jewel to Lord Fau[illegible] the French Agent. [*Cols.* 15, 27.] [illegible]auconberg's regiment. [*Col.* 15.]

Letter touching the pay of Lord F[illegible]erred. [*Col.* 20.]

Memorial touching Sam. Hartlib ref[illegible] London, Constant Mary

Petition about the Brotherhood of [illegible] by the Dutch, referred. packet frigate, and other ships seized [illegible] [*Cols.* 3, 7, 32, 36.] [*Col.* 20.]

Capt. Hart propounded to be Major. [illegible] 106–110.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp*[illegible]

Oct. 26. Portsmouth. **61.** Capt. Fras. Willoughby to the N[illegible]avy Commissioners. The General in the Laurel, and 20 sail of nim[illegible]le ships, have gone to sea, and the rest of the great ships, with the [illegible] merchantmen, are in the Road; they will be daily draining us [illegible]y orders they obtained from the General before he left, as also thr[illegible]ugh a constant need of victuals. The victualler's chief agent bei[illegible]g sick, there is only a young man to manage the business, and al[illegible]hough he does what he can, he is not capable of supplying the prese[illegible]t necessity, so that the service is extremely retarded, he being con[illegible]trained to leave the ships in harbour which the General has need of, [illegible] to supply the ships without from hand to mouth. One of the pr[illegible]incipal victuallers, being here, was made sensible of this state of thing[illegible]s, but there was no remedy.

You must be sensible of the abundance of work [illegible]o be done to the ships now come in, and the great supplies of sto[illegible]res that will be needed to carry it on; I therefore entreat of you[illegible] to take some effectual course about it; also send down 20 more [illegible] caulkers, some rosin, and a supply of canvas, the storekeeper being co[illegible]nstrained to cut French cloth where Ipswich would serve; what French is to be had here is 17*l.* per bale, in which I suppose is included travelling charges for their money and treble interest; so it is with almost all other things, sheet lead being 17*l.* per ton.

I heard this day of a ship being brought in as prize with 600 barrels of tar, and 300 of pitch, and as both are greatly needed, I hope some speedy course will be taken for securing it for the use of the stores here. I have examined Rich. Field's business, concerning Capt. Davis of the Dolphin prize, and the Captain confesses that he had an order to receive a cable out of a prize taken, and that he bought another out of the same prize, and sold it again for 13*l.*; also that finding two hogsheads of vinegar in his own ship, he disposed of it. The purser confesses that he sold a barrel of butter, as being so bad it could not be eaten, but the contrary is affirmed by some of the men. You will take notice of the ship and the commander's name, and see that he gives a full account before he is paid. [2¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 26. Hull. **62.** John Stansfield to Scobell. All that I can say on your letter is that Capt. Levens was sent here by Major Cambridge, on an order from his late Highness, to be kept in safe custody in this garrison for being at a tumultuary meeting about Leeds. [¾ *page.*]

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63. Fras. wligh and Edw. Purlin, late bailiffs and prison keepers, to Sell. Edw. Southwood about whom you enquire was committe to us by Thos. Bayly, then mayor, for disturbing Mr. Proffitt, inister of Peters, in Divine service, the said mayor being prese We were ordered to keep him till the next general sessions, h 4 Oct. instant, when he was discharged. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing*

63. I. *Lr of Council to the keeper of Marlborough prison at the cause of Southwood's commitment.* 16 *October* 16 [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

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64. Pet of Col. John Fothergill, Col. Hum. Bruster, and Major Rob Sparrow, captains of the militia troops of horse in Suffolk, t Council. There remains 200*l.* of the moneys on the decimation ax on delinquents' estates in the county, intended to pay our oops, in the hands of the receivers, Mr. Weekes, of Ipswich, nd Mr. Oxburough, of Bury, which we have demanded towards eimbursement of our great charge in preserving the public peace, t they will not pay it without an order from you. We beg y therefore to order them to pay us all they have in hand, and w will be accountable for it, in order to the payment of the troop [1 *page.*]

Oct. 28. N ote of reference thereon in Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 15.]

Oct. 28.

65. Petition of Hen. Alcock to the Privy Council, for release on bail of Thos. Harvey, of Oakham, co. Rutland, who was ap rehended by order of Council by a party of soldiers, and carried to Barnstaple, co. Devon, and tried last Exeter assizes for witch-cra t and practices with the devil, but acquitted; yet by command of the then Baron Nicholas, he still remains in prison, at great expense and 140 miles away from home. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 28. Note of reference thereon. [*I.* 84, *col.* 1.]

[Oct. 28.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

1,500*l.* to John Maidstone for the funeral, and 600*l.* later. [*Col.* 27.]
Lord Barnwell's case to be heard. [*Col.* 3.]
Thos. Harvy kept prisoner at Exeter. [*Col.* 20.]

Persons to attend the receivers in collecting for new buildings. [*Col.* 3.]
The Dunkirk establishment referred. [*Col.* 9.]
Amb. Lockhart's letter referred. [*Col.* 26.]
Rules about gowns at his Highness's funeral. [*Col.* 15.]
[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 111–114.]

Oct. 28. / Nov. 7. Brussels.

66. Pass from the King for Rob. Smythson, his subject, coming from Zealand to Flanders. Signed. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *pages, French.*]

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67. Hum. Robinson to Williamson. I only engaged to pay for your goods when I should know your mind, but hearing they had made your man prisoner and taken all his letters, and, as I feared, diminished the goods, I waited to hear from you.

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Those pieces of Stephanus are so rare that a man may charge what he lists. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 30. **68.** Further address of Fras. Thomson, and the rest of the farmers of excise in London, &c., to the Committee of Council to whom their petition was referred. We begged his late Highness for a defalcation of our rent for time past, and relief to prevent our future damage.

1. To cover our losses and pay our rent of 128,400*l.* we must advance the excise 14,000*l.* a year, which cannot be done in our term, because,—
   (1.) We have lost 3,000*l.* a year by our neighbour farmers.
   (2.) The new trade in coffee is so increased that it has lessened our receipts by 3000*l.*
   (3.) The last year and this trade is bad and commodities dear.
   (4.) The excise laws are defective for the punishment of fraud, and thus great part of the duty is concealed, our utmost care notwithstanding.
   (5.) Our desperate debts this year are 1,500*l.*
2. There are many precedents of abatements in farms.
3. We have advanced ours to 120,000*l.*, which is 30,000*l.* more than it raised before, and will answer the expectation of Parliament.
4. If it were reduced to 120,000*l.*, we should have to raise it 6,000*l.* or 7,000*l.* more to cover past losses.

We therefore beg relief as follows:—

1. Stay of all proceedings befors the Commissioners of Appeals for arrears, we having already paid in all we have received.
2. A defalcation of rent, without which we cannot gain advances of money from our friends.
3. Refusal of offers made by others to our disadvantage, they hoping to reap the benefit of our labours, in which we have advanced much, and exposed ourselves to great hazards.

[1½ *pages.*]

Oct. ? **69.** Petition of Rob. Blackborne to the Protector and Council. In December last, there being treasonable designs on foot, for convenience of the service, I left my dwelling house near Scotland Yard, and had to take a lease of one near, for which I paid to —— Hill 350*l.*, being 100*l.* more than I received for mine, beside 30*l.* laid out in repairs; but by a verdict, the possession of the house is given to —— Turner, a mortgagee, who only allows me to stay till next term, so that I shall lose my fine and repairs, unless I can recover them at law.

As I left that the house might be used for quartering your life-guard, and as it remains empty, I beg leave to re-enter and to have a respite of the fine of 250*l.* which I received, till I recover the money I paid to Hill. [⅔ *page.*]

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[Oct.] **70.** Petition of divers inhabitants of Marlborough, co. Wilts, to the Privy Council. There happened a lamentable fire 5 or 6 years ago, which consumed most of our houses, on which the late Protector ordered a collection, and appointed a London committee to dispose of the money, but they living far off, substituted several magistrates of Marlborough. The money, 18,000*l.*, has been very unequally distributed, and we petitioned the late Protector, who referred our case to gentlemen of the county, but they could not get the accounts. [*see* 20 *Sept.* 1658.] There is still 1,000*l.* in hand, from which we beg redress for the inequality of the distribution. 20 signatures. [*Copy*, 1 *sheet.*]

[Oct.] **71.** Request by the committee for the funeral to the churchwardens of Martin's-in-the-fields, to send in 12 names for poor men for gowns, there being so many only appointed for that parish. With reply by Gabriel Sangar, minister, and Thos. Heslington and Thos. Halpenny, churchwardens, presenting the said names. Also request by Scobell to Sangar, to approve or alter the said list as he thinks fit. [1¼ *pages.*]

[Oct.] **72.** List of 68 poor men, recommended by sundry officers of State and others, for gowns at the funeral. [2⅔ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

72. I. *Certificate by Capt. Wm. Burrill, of his Highness's regiment of foot, that David George, aged* 60, *is no longer able to serve as a soldier, and is very poor, faithful, and sober, and the Lord Controller granted him a gown* 23 *October* 1658. [1 *page; George's name occurs in the preceding list*].

[Oct.] **73.** Like list of 79 persons, coinciding in many cases with the preceding. [3½ *pages.*]

Oct. [Sec. Nicholas] to the Marquis of Newcastle. The King wishes to bestow the place of stitcher of his robes on Thos. Bocock, late servant to Ri. Harding, on account of his service in the late wars, and his honesty and fidelity, and wishes you to cause him to be forthwith settled in that place. [*Scrap, Flanders correspondence.*]

Nov. 1. Whitehall. **74.** Order [by the Protector] to the master and fellows of Queen's College, Cambridge, to admit Martin Pindar, B.A., of their college, to the fellowship lately held by Simon Pateveke. [¼ *page.*]

[Nov. 1.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Reference on the difference about lectures at Bury St. Edmunds. [*Col.* 3.]

Augmentation to Haddenham Rectory. [*Col.* 20.]

[*Missing Order Book, page* 114.]

Nov. 1. **75.** Order by the Committee for ejecting ignorant and scandalous Ministers, &c., in the East Riding of co. York, that Richard Meadley of Santon appear before them on 18 November, at the house of Phil. Ford of Hull, to account for the moneys in his hands belonging to the vicarage and school of Santon. 6 signatures and seals. [1 *page.*]

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Ostend.

76. The Admiralty Judges at Ostend to the Admiralty Commissioners. By the annexed request you may see what the English and Scotch prisoners have remonstrated to us, and what we have resolved concerning their liberty. If you have any inclination to their comfort by a reciprocal enlargement of the like number of ours which are prisoners with you, give us notice thereof, and we shall complete the execution of this proposed exchange. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, French.*] *Annexing,*

76. I. *List by Jan Baptista de Billon, sheriff of Ostend, of 84 English and Scotch prisoners in his custody. Ostend* $\frac{1}{11}$ *November* 1658. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ *columns.*]

76. II. *Translation of the above letter and list.* [4 *pages.*]

76. III. *Petition of Lewis Boulden, and 7 others of the above prisoners, to the Judges of the Admiralty at Ostend. All the English merchants, skippers, and matrosses comprehended in the annexed list reverently show that, being brought up hither as prisoners by the particular ships of war of this town, and detained miserably in the prisons of this town, where your suppliants for the most part, by reason of their multitude and great stink, are sickly, and in all appearance, in case of a longer detention, will die; and, seeing that there is no likelihood of a general exchange, and that your suppliants hear that the State of England is treating with his most Serene Highness Don John, to release the English prisoners at Ghent, who particularly belong to the said Prince Don John, against the Spaniards now prisoners in England who do not appertain to particular owners, your suppliants are caused to address themselves to your Honours, praying that, having considered the premises, you will grant them a relaxation, on condition that the like number by their means be released in England, or otherwise head for head, as has often been done heretofore.*

Noted by R. Lambert that the Admiralty Judges having considered this petition, and the reasons therein represented, approve the relaxation of the petitioners, provided they first procure the relaxation or releasement of a like number of our prisoners belonging to this Admiralty, and detained in England. $\frac{1}{11}$ *Nov.* 1658. [*Dutch, with English translation,* 4 *pages.*]

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Bruges.

77. Peter Van Flamborough to John Blande. I perceive by yours of the 22nd that the Lords of the Admiralty have resolved that the English prisoners should be first freed, and that there was no altering their proposition, and Fernando Hespell, and Van de Wall have also so written; but they say that if I let out one Englishman, the Commissioners will let out two Spaniards; so, for good conformity, on the 7th inst. I let out of Ghent Prison 15 English, who will embark in the packet boat at Ostend, and I have sent the certification to Mr. Hespell to present to the Commissioners, and

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Nov. $\frac{1}{11}$. hope they will not fail in their promise, and as soon as the first 30 Spaniards are out, I will let out more English. In the meantime if these 30 Spaniards come, I will give order to set at liberty more English, so that all the Spaniards may be exchanged, as also the 9 which came from Jamaica. Advise me if they will be freed for the like number of English.

The letter you sent me from them to his Highness I have sent to a friend to present to his Highness, and no diligence of mine shall be neglected for them, to whom pray deliver the paper enclosed. What business you may have to be done in this place, you may command me therein as if it were my own. There is a rumour here that some ambassador has come from Spain to treat for a peace; if you hear anything thereof, let me know. Barbadoes is relieved, and the Portuguese routed with much confusion, and the army in their winter quarters. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ *pages. Copy of a translation.*] *Annexing,*

77. I. *Jno. Beverley to Frances Weir, at John Lightfoot's, opposite the World's End, Ratcliff Highway. I understand by yours that the postmaster has satisfied you that the money which you sent has been paid to me, but it is contrary; for we have asked this post, and he said he had none for us. You live in hopes to see us very shortly, and I have hopes to be the postmaster and bring you the next letter, as the merchant was with us this week, and told me that the exchange was made, but that the King desired the Spaniards should be released first, and when they were come to Nieuport or Ostend, we should be set free. I would therefore desire you and the rest to beg the Commissioners not to stand upon that now, and the merchant has sent to his friend, Fernando* [*Hespell?*] *Jespare, a merchant in London, to give security to the State about our appearance. Enclosed is his name, with a few lines in French. I desire you to go upon the Exchange, and get some merchant to read it, and tell you what it concerns; find out the merchant and hasten him about it, and the Commissioners, and let it not be neglected, and send me an answer by the first opportunity. Let not our condition trouble you more than it does me, for since it was God's pleasure to lay this affliction on me, I am content to bear it out with patience, only praying to live to rid me out of it in His time, which I now hope will be very shortly. Remembrances to relatives.* 17 *October* 1658. *Ghent prison.* [2 *pages.*]

77. II. *Note that Ferdinando Hespel will be security, and that as soon as the* 30 *Spaniards are released and in Ostend and Nieuport, the* 30 *English prisoners shall come out, and afterwards the remainder, for whom Peter van Flamborough has the order of his Highness, Don John of Austria.* [*French, scrap.*]

77. III. *Peter Van Flamborough to Jno. Blande. By order of Manuel Rodrigue, I send this to you, and then on to him*

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by which time I hope he and the other prisoners may be freed in answer to these, for I have orders from his Highness to let out as many English from hence as there be Spaniards in Chelsea College, and the Admiralty Commissioners at London have given them liberty, conditionally that the English should be freed first; but that does not seem reasonable, because the Spaniards have been there longer than the English here. Nevertheless I would conform to the order, if the English here could give any caution that they will, having their liberty, procure the release of the Spaniards; but I find they cannot give caution, so seeing the Spaniards can, it is reasonable that they should be freed first.

I have his Highness's order, and so soon as the 30 *or* 33 *Spaniards be freed, I will free as many English, and afterwards all the rest, for as many Spaniards. I have written Mr. Fernando Hespell to be caution, and in case the Commissioners are not content therewith I entreat you to try and free them; as soon as the Spaniards are out, there shall be no doubt of the releasement of the English, for I have the order and power to effect it. Bruges,* $\frac{18}{28}$ *Oct.* 1658. [*Copy of a translation,* $\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

77. IV. *Jno. Blande to Peter Van Flamborough. Seeing the Commissioners have proposed the release of the English, you should see that it is complied with, and let the English out, and I will engage that the Spaniards shall be freed, as also engage for them if need requires.* 22 *October,* 1658. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page. These two are on the same sheet as No.* 77.]

77. V. *Certificate of the Aldermen of Ghent that Peter Van Flamborough, by virtue of a letter from his Highness dated* 21 *October* 1658, *released on the* $\frac{28\ Oct.}{7\ Nov.}$ 15 *English prisoners named, who were sent from Ostend, and detained at Ghent, and that they have departed for Nieuport with their passports, to take the packet boat for England. Ghent,* $\frac{28\ Oct.}{7\ Nov.}$ 1658, *with corporation seal and translation.* [$3\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*]

Nov. 1. York. **78.** Geo. Williamson to Jos. Williamson, Oxford, care of Hum. Robinson, St. Paul's Churchyard, London. I am sorry you left the country before I saw you, but I was detained with Sir Patricius [Curwen] by his having a fall. Private affairs. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 2. **79.** Petition of Jas. Paul, merchant at Dover, to Council, for leave to transport 2 small nags from Dover to Dunkirk, where he has a special friend who is too infirm to go about except on business, and who will send him 2 small nags for his own use. Noted, "Read 2 November, denied." [1 *page.*]

Nov. 2. Whitehall. **80.** Admiralty Commissioners to the Treasury Commissioners. The last seal for money is nearly expired, and we want more, so as not

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to interrupt the receipt of the moneys assigned for the navy out of the Customs and Excise. We therefore, according to our instructions, certify you that 300,000*l.* is wanted, and beg a seal for it. With note of order therefor, 9 Nov. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page; also I.* 84, *col.* 29.]

Nov. 3. **81.** Order in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners order the Ordnance officers to send 20 tons of match from the Tower to Scotland, for the forces there, to be issued on Gen. Monk's orders. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

82. Like order for 16 barrels of powder to be sent from the Tower to Yarmouth, for the garrison there, to be delivered to the commander-in-chief. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

[Nov. 3.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Augmentation for Knaresborough. [*Col.* 24.]
Thos. Dunne to be brought with a keeper. [*Col.* 9.]
Augmentation for Market Harborough.
Capt. Mills' paper referred. [*Col.* 27.]
Rules about gowns for the funeral. [*Col.* 15.]
John Wheatley, registrar for Forests. [*Col.* 43.]
Report concerning the sale of Stepney and Hackney. [*Col.* 36.]
A discovery of lands offered. [*Col.* 11.]
Privy Seal for Lord Phil. Jones's regiment. [*Col.* 22.]
Orders made in the time of his late Highness, and not approved by him, confirmed. [*Col.* 31.]
Augmentations to Nether Wilton and Winterbourne. [*Cols.* 29, 43.]
Augmentations to Elberton, Grimsby, Henley in Arden, Marlborough, Seighters, and South Myms. [*Cols.* 12, 18, 20, 27, 36.]
Col. Nelson's letter to Ireland. [*Col.* 29.]
Account of Maj.-Gen. Kelsey and Capt. Hatsell for 6,400*l.* received of Mr. Jessop, and disposal of the balance. [*Col.* 24.]
Ejection of ministers in North Wales.
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Minchin Hampton severed from Redborough. [*Col.* 27.]
Scotland tentmaker on the English establishment. [*Col.* 36.]
200*l.* to the receivers for new buildings. [*Col.* 4.]
The funeral of his late Highness put off. [*Col.* 15.]

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Nov. 3. **83.** Certificate by the Committee to whom Capt. Witham's petition was referred, that he was outlawed for manslaughter, on the coroner's inquest on Mr. Cresswell's death, but he says he acted in self-defence, having received 3 wounds from Cresswell. His servant deposes to the circumstance of his being wounded whilst riding for Ireland. He served the forces in Flanders, but being sent for by his late Highness, was apprehended on the outlawry, and the case is depending in the Upper Bench. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Nov. 4. **84.** Petition of a gathered church in Coventry, where Sam. Basnet is teaching elder, to the Protector. We are destitute of a

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public meeting house, and obliged to worship in a private house, which is injurious to us, and incongruous to the liberty of religion, maintained by your late father ("the father of his country, the nursing father of the church,") and continued by you. In the remoter parts of the city, Bablack church, belonging to the corporation, but not a parish church, stands vacant all the year except 1 May. We beg that we may use it for worship, and that the corporation, who have always repaired it, may do the needful repairs. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 4. Note of an order in Council thereon. [*I.* 84, *col.* 7.]

Nov. 4. **85.** Petition of the congregation meeting at the Sheir House, near Edmondsbury, Suffolk, to the Protector and Council. We have walked peaceably for some time, and rejoice in the tender care of the present government for the due liberties of the poor saints, a mercy not enjoyed in former ages, nor by other nations. But we have met in an obscure way, and in a place hazarding our lives through cold in the winter, because discountenanced by a party of different principles, *viz.*: the Presbyterians, who have 2 ministers, and enjoy both the parish meeting places, and threaten to turn us out of the Sheir house, though the harvest is white, could our pastor be admitted to exercise his gifts publicly. We beg you to procure for us one of the meeting places, as 2 Sunday services, a Friday lecture, and incidental services are work enough for 2 ministers, and each parish used to have two; Jer. Buroughs and Mr. White, both eminently gifted, were in one, and Mr. Calamy and Mr. Jewell in the other, their maintenance depending on the corporation. If this be not thought meet, we beg that the chancel of Mary's parish, which is now a mere superfluity, may be parted from the body of the meeting house, the place being so large that 2 congregations can meet without disturbing each other. [1 *sheet.*]

Nov. 4. Note of report thereon in Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 3.]

[Nov. 4.] Index entries of Council's Proceedings. [*I.* 84.]

A privy seal for 1,406*l.* 5*s.* to Major Bourne vacated. [*Col.* 4.]
Wm. Osborne's paper referred. [*Col.* 31.]
A bond claimed by Hen. Slingsby referred. [*Col.* 36.]
Brief renewed for East Retford. [*Col.* 14.]
Col. Le Hunt's report to be considered. [*Col.* 25.]
The hospitals to be paid as formerly. [*Col.* 20.]
Lieut.-Gen. Leslie to have his liberty, and guards to be appointed for him. [*Col.* 25.]
Sir Phil. Meadows' letters. [*Col.* 27.]
Pension to Lieut. Nath. Cole. [*Col.* 7.]
Clement Wakelyn summoned. [*Col.* 43.]
[*Missing Order Book, pages* 120–124.]

Nov. 6. The Maidstone, Hope. **86.** Capt. Thos. Penrose to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have observed your order for taking to account and securing those men of my company (whom I find to be nearly 30) that were present at the pulling down of part of the victualler's house at Rochester; but

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who the chief actors therein were I cannot find, as there were many of the Essex's men, and several others with them, and they all allege they are not the men who untiled the house. It has been a great trouble to me that such an outrage should be committed by any of this ship's company, which should give you occasion to judge that the ship is ill-governed. I cannot plead anything as to their excuse, but that they should suffer what punishment you shall be pleased to inflict on such offenders. They say that their victuals were very bad, and indeed it was full of maggots, and so rotten that no dog would eat it. Myself and other officers of the ship have several times made complaint thereof since we have been at Chatham, and my lieutenant was promised by the victualler to have it amended, being loath to trouble you with that which might be easily remedied; but it seems he told our purser afterwards that the more the men complained, the worse their provisions should be, which they say was the cause of that madness which possessed them, and that they only intended to carry their stinking meat in their hands to the victualler's house, to shew it him; but in their way thither, they were urged by many of the townspeople, who saw the badness of their victuals, to pull down the victualler's house.

I should have given you this account earlier, but we only left Chatham on Wednesday, and the weather proved so bad that we could not get hither until last night; what you shall order to be done with those offenders I shall observe, and beg you will not think amiss of me for their unworthy actions. [1 *page.*]

[Nov. 9.] **87.** Petition of Capt. Rob. Coleman, of the Elizabeth, to the Protector. In 1656, being bound for Iceland, I met a Dutch vessel laden with prohibited and uncustomed goods, which I sent to the collectors at Yarmouth, but the merchants hearing of it, 3 days after entered the goods at the Custom House, to procure cockets at Lynn, and cleared the vessel, and the proprietors of it, taking advantage of my absence in the service, commenced a suit against me, and obtained execution, without my knowing anything about it, so that I am in deplorable condition. I beg stay of execution, and a hearing in my defence. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

87. I. *Details of the proceedings in a Committee of Council on the case,* 2 *and* 19 *October* 1658. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Nov. 9. Poultry Compter. **88.** Capt. Rob. Coleman to the Admiralty Commissioners. I beg consideration, being injured in reputation and health, and disabled to perform my public duties. Pray help to clear my innocency, and release me from this pernicious imprisonment, and tell me to whom to apply. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Nov. 9. **89.** Admiralty Commissioners to Lords Montague, Desborow, or Jones. We think Capt. Coleman's case very sad, and of ill-consequence to the service in point of precedent. We beg you to move Council for an order for his release. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Nov. 9. **90.** Petition of John Castier, a poor fisherman of Dunkirk, to the Protector. During the siege of the town, I was obliged to go to Nieuport for a small maintenance, but when the place was

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surrendered to you, I resolved to live under your protection, and left Nieuport with a white flag, intending to enjoy the immunity granted on articles to the other inhabitants; but I was seized on by Capt. Street, and brought to Dover, where I remain. I beg an order that I may depart for Dunkirk, and continue my fishing, for support of my poor wife and family. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

90. I. *Extract from the 8th article of the capitulation granted by Marshal Turenne on surrender of Dunkirk to the King of France—that all masters of vessels, sailors, &c., inhabiting the town may return in 6 months, without passport or payment of customs.* [1 *page, French.*]

90. II. *Statement that Castier has been taken, as is supposed, in ignorance of this capitulation.* [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

90. III. *Col. Wm. Lockhart to Thos. White and the Prize Goods' Commissioners at Dover. I beg Castier's restoration, if you have nothing to lay to his charge. He and his men, all of whom have poor wives, would be useful in the place. I gave you an example lately by restoring the boat of one Wallop, of as much value, and a lawful prize, I believe, but I did it out of charity. Dunkirk,* 7 *August* 1658. [1 *page.*]

[Nov. 9.] Note of an order in Council for release of the boat. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 7.]

Nov. 9. **91.** Petition of Jane, wife of John, second son of Sir Roger Cooper, of Thurgaston, co. Notts, to the Protector. My husband being indebted to divers persons, whom he could not pay without receiving the portion his father designed him, concealed himself under the name of Hill, but was 3 years since committed to the Gatehouse, because found in a lodging when search was made for persons engaged in some design against his late Highness, which my husband never was. Fearing his creditors would seize him, he got out of prison, and retired beyond sea, where he has lived ever since peaceably. His father being lately dead, all his fortune is like to be embezzled for want of his presence and care. I beg a protection for him to return that he may be able to live quietly, and express his fidelity and affection. With reference to Council, 29 October 1658. [1 *page.*]

[Nov. 9.] Note of the reading of the petition in Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 7.]

Nov. 9. **92.** Order in Council referring the petition of Sam. Barry to Fiennes, Strickland, Lord Chamberlain, Lisle, Fleetwood, Mr. Secretary, Desborow, and Skippon. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

92. I. *Request* [*by Barry*] *that they will consider that the estate which maintained his family in his absence is detained from him, and he is* 200*l. in debt, and in great straits.*

That he returned not on his own account, but was sent with [*news of*] *the late success and colours then taken at Jamaica, at great hazard and charge, was* 11 *weeks in coming, and forced to take up money at Plymouth to ride post to London.*

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That with the provisions he brought and those sent him by friends, he has relieved 30 or 40 of his regiment who must else have perished.

His late Highness, on their going, ordered ¼ of their pay to their assigns in England and the rest to be paid on their return, but only ½ of his ¼ has been paid, and he has not had his arrears, though speedy payment was promised by his late Highness. [1 *page.*]

[Nov. 9.] Index entries of Council's proceedings. [*I.* 84.]

Letter to the Council of Scotland upon persons abridged of civil liberty on excommunication. [*Col.* 36.]

Commissions for the probate of wills renewed, not to pay fees. [*Col.* 43.]

Proclamation touching ministers read (and passed). [*Col.* 32.]

Answer to the Swedish paper reported. [*Col.* 36.]

A letter to the Commissioners touching the 6 months' assessments ending 24 June 1659. [*Col.* 1.]

The velvet, &c., prepared for the funeral of his late Highness to be preserved. [*Col.* 15.]

Letter from the sheriffs of Lincoln, touching Rob. Mawe. He stayed at the ports. [*Cols.* 24, 27.]

Petition of Marlborough, and additional augmentation. [*Col.* 27.]

Dr. Seth Ward's petition referred. [*Col.* 43.]

Pay to Lord Whalley's regiment. [*Col.* 43.]

14,000*l*, to be sent to Ireland in specie. [*Col.* 22.]

Letter to the Lord-Lieut. of Ireland, *&c.*, to send over an account of the revenue and charge. [*Col.* 22.]

A report touching Jamaica referred.

Reference of a paper on the medicaments to be sent to Dr. Saltonstall in Flanders. [*Cols.* 15, 36.]

A month's pay to the forces in England. [*Col.* 15.]

A month's pay to Col. Guibon's company at Mardike. [*Col.* 18.]

A month's pay to Col. Salmon's regiment. [*Col.* 37.]

Letter to Lord Amb. Lockhart to return an account of the state of the army there, and of an establishment. [*Col.* 25.]

2 letters to Gen. Monk, to return an account of the revenue and charge in Scotland. [*Col.* 37.]

A month's pay for the army. [*Col.* 1.]

The petition of Anne, Countess of Lauderdale referred. [*Col.* 25.]

Answer to Lieut. Friezendorp, the Swedish agent's, request. [*Cols.* 15, 37.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 126-135.]

Nov. 10. Worcester House. **93.** Certificate by the Trustees for sale of the 4 forests reserved to the soldiers, on a Council order of 3 Nov. 1658, that John Wheatley, registrar for sale of crown lands, should have 100*l.* a year salary and reasonable fees for writing and signing particulars, as allowed to his predecessor Hen. Colbron. [2*pp. Sec.* 8 *July* 1658.]

Nov. 10. The Maidstone Hope. **94.** Capt. Thos. Penrose to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have sent up the lieutenant, master, and 10 men named of those that were on shore at the pulling down of part of the Victualler's house, as also

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a list of some others who were in that foolish and unworthy action. I have endeavoured to find out the chief actors, but they all say they went off together, as soon as the purser told them on board that the more they complained, the worse their victuals should be. They are all sensible of their error, and beg your Honors' favor towards them. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

94. I. *List of* 24 *more men concerned in the said action.* [*Scrap.*]

Nov. 10. Hull. **95.** Col. Hen. Smith to the Admiralty Commissioners. There came in this morning Thos. Weeton, master of a ship belonging to this port, from the Sound; being there on the 29th ult., there was a very sharp fight between the King of Sweden's fleet and the Dutch, which continued from 8 a.m. till after one. He reports that the King of Sweden has lost three ships, and the Dutch nine of their men-of-war, and that their Vice-Admiral, De Witt, was slain with small shot. The Dutch fleet that are left, with their small craft of soldiers and victuallers, are got through, but many of their men-of-war are so shattered that they are not fit for service, and the ship which their Admiral Obden was in is sunk since.

I suppose you will receive a more perfect account of the fight from the letters which Mr. Weeton brought from the King of Sweden, and his Highness's Ambassador, for his Highness, Lord Geo. Fleetwood, and Sec. Thurloe, which I have sent up herewith by a special post. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 11. Leghorn. **96.** Capt. Thos. Bonn to the Admiralty Commissioners. I presume Admiral Stoakes has acquainted you of having sent me, with the Bristol and Hampshire, to lie between Cape Bona, Sicily, and Sardinia, for safety of trade. On our way, we met that famous rover, Papachine, who was so confident as to give us chase, taking us for 3 Baccalao men. We chased him nearly 7 hours before we could bring him by the lee, and would not then have effected it had not his sails been all shot to pieces, and I keep him and the captain of the vessel prisoners. Papachine is related to the Eastland Merchant which lies at Trapani, torn and disabled, as when Capt. Kempthorne left, and he was only going in this vessel to Genoa, to provide things to mend the other. I have placed the vessel in the hands of Mr. Longland, at Leghorn Mould. Her force was 10 guns, and some pedereros; she is not fit for your service as a man-of-war, but sails well, on which account Papachine always kept her full of men, for the purpose of boarding. She had but 116 men when taken, Capt. Kempthorne having killed and spoiled the rest; these 116 men being mostly Spaniards, I turned them on shore, to save the charge of victuals, which Papachine did by ours as often as he took them.

The news of his being in our hands is very welcome to this place, as being of great concernment to the general trade, and I hope is no less acceptable to you. Foul weather and bad winds have kept us in this port longer than we intended, but the first opportunity I shall pursue my instructions from the Admiral. [1 *page.*]

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Nov. $\frac{11}{21}$. London. Rob. Blackborne to [Capt. Stoakes]. I am glad to hear of your recovery. I need not say more of your proceedings about Capt. Whitstone. We have in the Downs a fleet of 17 good ships, named, ready for motion, but their design is not known.

I expect his Highness's funeral will be next week. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page. Copy, French correspondence.*]

Nov. 11. **97.** Deposition of Jno. Furzer, boatswain, Jas. Foxley, gunner, and Jno. Worrell, midshipman of the Jersey, that their ship being off Toulon, on 26th July last, discovered a sail which proved to be the Bon Jesus, *alias* the Gift of God; believing her to belong to the enemy, they put out their colours, and fired a gun at her, which she answered with a shot. Being calm, the Jersey's men endeavoured to tow their frigate to the other ship, and her men to tow her away from them, but after 3 hours, during which several pieces of ordnance laden with ball were fired on each side, the enemy, finding they could not get out of the command of the Jersey's guns, forsook their ship, and taking to their boat, made their escape. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ *pages.*]

[Nov. 11.] Index entries of Council's proceedings. [*I.* 84.]

Rich. Bradshaw's petition referred. [*Col.* 4.]

The Greenland Company's petition referred. [*Col.* 18.]

The Hospital Commissioners to be spoken with, about the pay of pensions, &c. [*Col.* 20.]

The Committee on his Highness's funeral to meet. [*Col.* 15.]

Augmentations to Bideford and Chertsey. [*Cols.* 3, 7.]

Earl Barrimore's petition referred. [*Col.* 4.]

Plate custom free to Lieut. German Doucet de Verdure.

French Ambassador's paper on his behalf. [*Cols.* 9, 15.]

A present of a jewel of 200*l.* value to the Swedish Agent, Sir Gustavus Friezendorp. [*Col.* 37.]

100*l.* paid to Maj. Lewis, by Capt. Blechin and Wm. Watkins, by warrant from Maj.-Gen. Dawkins, to be allowed in Watkins' account. [*Cols.* 4, 43.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 136–140.]

Nov. 12. **98.** Petition of Thos. Bayly, mayor, and the inhabitants of Peter's, Marlborough, Wilts, to Oliver, Lord Protector. Our parish is populous, and a great market town, and the parsonage only 20*l.* a year. We are sensible of your care to encourage the ministry, and we have lived 27 years happily under the powerful preaching of Nich. Profitt. He has a wife and 7 children, and as we were impoverished by war and fire, he could not have lived without an augmentation of 50*l.* a year, raised to 80*l.*, but of which he only received 60*l.* He has 2 weekly lectures, and is diligent in private instruction, but part of his augmentation is in controversy, and not likely to be paid. We beg for him in lieu thereof 150*l.* a year from Albourne and Ogbourne rectories. 30 signatures. With reference, signed by Richard, Protector, to Lord Sydenham, to offer the case to Council, specially recommending it, the minister being a very laborious and deserving person. $1\frac{1}{2}$ *sheets.*]

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Nov. 12. **99.** Order in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners return a list of 22 ships of the winter guard, most fit for the service, to be provided with all requisites, and with able and experienced pilots for the Eastland, and provide a fit vessel to sail for the Sound, to carry letters to Sir Phil. Meadows, his Highness's envoy with the King of Sweden. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Nov. 13. **100.** Order in Council on report from the Admiralty Commissioners of 20 ships ready for the present expedition, that the said ships go under Vice-Adm. Goodson, in the service mentioned in his instructions passed yesterday. Also that Goodson bear a flag in the foretop, and Sir Rich. Stayner on the mizen, as Vice and Rear Admirals for this expedition. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

101. Like order that the Maidstone frigate, designed to go with Vice-Admiral Goodson, receive aboard Sir Geo. Ayscue and his retinue, stay a convenient time in order thereto, and then sail up to the fleet, according to instructions from the Admiralty Commissioners. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Nov. 13. Navy Office. **102.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. There are 20 trees standing in the Little Park at Richmond, which, amongst others, were surveyed and marked for the use of the Navy, but they being a great shelter to Mr. Bentley's house, he requested they might not be felled, and offered either to pay to the Treasurer of the Navy their full value, or be obliged to supply the State's stores with the like quantity of other timber equivalent in quality. We were willing to accommodate him, and Mr. Chaffey, a Navy purveyor, was appointed to view the said trees, which he did, and valued them at 60*l.* We came to a price with Mr. Bentley, only we differed in point of payment of the money, he offering one moiety in hand, and desiring time for the remainder, and we insisting to have all paid down forthwith. Since then, some months having elapsed, we sent to him to pay in the money, and to-day he came and tendered one moiety, which we refused to receive. As you have been informed that these trees are of far greater value, we have suspended proceedings with him until we receive your further pleasure. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*]

Nov. 15. **103.** Order in Council that Vice-Adm. Goodson forthwith proceed on the voyage designed him by his instructions of Friday last, with as many of the ships as are ready in the Downs, and that the rest hasten to him with all possible speed.

Also that the Essex be appointed for convoy of Sir Geo. Ayscue and his company to the Sound, if she do not thereby lose time for getting up to the fleet. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

104. Like order that the Admiralty Commissioners appoint a fit vessel to go into the Low Countries, with a messenger to carry letters to his Highness's Resident there. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

Nov. 15. The Maidstone, Hope. **105.** Capt. Thos. Penrose to the Admiralty Commissioners I have received your order for my continuance in the Hope, and my waiting for Sir Geo. Ayscue. Capt. Thomson with the Expedition

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arrived yesterday. The boat which I sent up with the last 10 men, coming this morning on board under sail, and being within two musket shots of the ship, a sudden gust of wind came down and overset her in sight of us. I immediately sent away the boat I had on board, and the Expedition sent hers, and two merchant ships theirs, but it being a strong flood tide, and blowing very much at S.W., she drove up a great way before any boat could overtake her. We saw many men upon the boat's keel, but the sea washed many of them away, so that there were but 4 of 14 saved, among which was the midshipman I sent up; among the 10 drowned, there is one of the master's mates, who has left a poor widow and 6 small children, the corporal likewise a poor widow and 4 small children, and two or three of the men whom you last cleared are likewise drowned, but the boat was got again.

Thus God in his great wisdom and power saves whom He will, and destroys whom He will, and who can dare to contradict Him? He is only to be feared, admired, and praised. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Nov. 16. **106.** Petition of Col. Thos. Cooper, or Lord Cooper, for his regiment, to the Protector. In February 1653–4, by order of Col. Lilburne, commander-in-chief in Scotland, 24 tons 3 cwt. 3 qrs. and 2 lbs. of cheese was bought of Nath. Hawes of London, for the stores at Ayr, at 28*s.* the cwt., which, delivered there, came to 677*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*, and there being no order for its disposal, lest it should be spoiled, it was consumed by the soldiers; now when it comes to be paid for, 903*l.* is charged on my regiment, though the State has been at no charge by its keeping. I beg an order for a full discharge, on paying the 677*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* With reference thereon, signed by the Protector, to the Privy Council, and note of reference by Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

106. I. *Certificate by Nath. Hawes of his delivery of the cheese, and of his receipt in full therefor of* 677*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* 12 *Nov.* 1658. [1 *page.*]

106. II. *Report of the Army Committee, on a reference to them from Council, that there is a rule in Scotland for the forces to receive cheese from the stores at* $\frac{1}{4}$ *more than it cost, to repair waste; therefore, if the regiment bore the loss of waste, it should be discharged from their account.* 1 *December* 1658. *With note of order,* 8 *Jan.* 1658–9. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 16. **107.** Petition of Jenkin Ellis, cordwainer, to the Council of State, for a license to transport to Dunkirk or Mardike 3,000 pairs of shoes made for the soldiery, and most of them lately bespoken by Sir Thos. Pride. Has served the State with shoes for many years. With note of order. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Nov. 16. **108.** Petition of Major Wm. Burton of Yarmouth, to the Protector. Last May Thos. Hewett, master of the Stane of Yarmouth, which I own, filled the ship with coals at Newcastle, on bond to land them in some port in England in 4 months, but when the ship came to Yarmouth, Lord Desborow and Sec. Thurloe

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agreed to secure me if I would send the lading to Mardike. Thereupon Martin Noel, farmer of the customs on coal, prosecuted on the security for payment of 134*l.*, but is willing to deliver it up if the 134*l.* may be defalcated on his account, which I request may be done. With note of reference. [⅔ *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

108. I. *Martin Noel to Major Burton. I am sorry the extent has been made, as you told me beforehand how the thing stood, but I did not know of the taking out of the process, as forfeitures and seizures are done by other hands. However, on hearing of it, I discharged it, only taking a 3 months' bond, to give you time to take out letters of defalcation of the duty.* 16 *October* 1658. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 16. **109.** Petition of Thos. Corbett, Rob. Whitlock, and Owen Lloyd, merchants of London, and other owners of the Crown of London, now at Baltimore in Ireland, to the Protector and Council. We lately sent our ship there to lade pilchards, expecting bond would have been taken there, as now used in England, on a late order of his Highness and Council for customs on the fish there laden, till it should be determined by Parliament whether such custom should be paid, as the last Parliament voted the Act for customs on fish laden in English bottoms in England or Ireland void, and this would have been put into an Act, had that Parliament continued; but the present farmers of customs in Ireland withstand the taking of the bond, to our great loss. We beg a positive order for the same favour of giving bond for fish laden in Ireland as in England. [½ *page.*]

[Nov. 16.] Note of a letter to the Council in Ireland thereon. [*I.* 84, *col.* 7.]

Nov. 16. Whitehall. **110.** Petition of Art. Challinor, of Goddington, co. Oxon, to the Protector, for a patent for a collection in certain counties. On 7 July last, a fire burned his house and most of his goods, value 410*l.*, as certified by the justices at the Oxford quarter sessions, to his utter ruin, unless relieved. With reference thereon to Council, and note of denial, 3 December. [1 *page; also I.* 84, *col.* 7.]

[Nov. 16.] Index entries of Council's proceedings. [*I.* 84.]

—— Dover, who arrested C. Coleman, to attend. [*Col.* 9.]

[Export of] saltpetre restrained. (Repeated 4 times.) [*Col.* 37.]

Major Cobbet's debt for Mardike coals referred. [*Col.* 7.]

The petition of the officers of the High Court of Justice referred. [*Col.* 20.]

Adam Jening's debts for Mardike referred. [*Cols.* 20–22.]

3 of Col. Nicholas' troopers to be transported to Flanders by Col. Guibon. [*Cols.* 15, 18.]

Dudley Short's bond delivered up. [*Col.* 37.]

Augmentations to Gisborough, Kirkby Moorside, Scarborough, and Wincalton. [*Cols.* 18, 24, 37, 44.]

—— Cradock, liberty to come to London. [*Col.* 7.]

Rob. Turner's paper about money owing by the Prize Goods' Commissioners referred. [*Cols.* 32, 40.]

The funeral day for his late Highness to be 23 Nov. [*Col.* 15.]

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111. Capt. Robt. Martin to the Admiralty Commissioners. Two days after my arrival here, Capt. Saunders sent desiring to speak with me on board his ship; and although I was not very free thereto, on account of his leaning to Capt. Whitstone in the matter of the difference between the Admiral and him, I went. He then told me he was very much troubled that Capt. Whitstone should be taken out of his ship, kept close prisoner, and his papers seized, as also that he feared he would be poisoned; that the Admiral should have done otherwise by him, and given him liberty to go home, and he would have been bound for his appearance to his Highness. To all this I answered that we might easily conceive that had he not given the Admiral more than ordinary cause of offence, and sufficient grounds, the Admiral would not have meddled with him; and as touching his denying him liberty to go home over land, the Admiral would do nothing but what he could answer for; that Whitstone wanted for nothing, although a close prisoner, and that the Admiral would take care he was not poisoned. He answered, the Admiral would not do it, but who knew what Wilson would do? To which I replied, "How does this reflect upon the Admiral, to have such a man so near him? it's as much as the Admiral's life is worth;" adding that Mr. Wilson was a gentleman of good breeding and reputation amongst merchants, and would scorn such a thought; and as to his proferring himself as security for Capt. Whitstone, he would offend the Admiral, as it would not be well taken from him; but if he had anything to present to the Admiral, to do it by petition, and not intermeddle with his business.

Two days after he sent for me again, when Capt. Browne was there, who had brought a paper from the Admiral, which had been sent by Gen. Montague, to be read aboard every ship, and signed by the commanders and officers thereof, to show our fidelity to his Highness. Capt. Saunders questioned the truth of the same, because it was not the original, nor under the General or your Honors' hands; but we told him there was no ground for questioning it, as the thing itself was not to be questioned, but that we might freely assent thereto; and that the reason why we did not see it under the General or your Honors' hands was because we did not desire it, and that if we had, we should have seen it. After these and some other speeches by Capt. Browne and myself, he signed it.

On the 19th, the Admiral sent me out with Capts. Saunders and Young, to ply between Ivasey and Cape Paul, for securing commerce and surprising the enemy; I intreated of the Admiral to commit the trust to some others, but he would not. The same day we came out of Toulon, and he being astern fired a gun, and when he came up, sent his cockswain on board to say he was not well, and desired I would go on board to speak with him. Upon going, he again questioned the paper sent by the General, which he had already signed. I answered that the Government was settled upon his Highness, according to the paper, as if otherwise, we should have heard of it, and that we had received commissions and

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instructions from the Admiralty Commissioners to be faithful to his Highness and the Commonwealth, and to obey such instructions as we should receive from themselves, the Generals, or Commander-in-Chief. He then confessed he was better satisfied, but withal desired liberty to set a man on shore at Marseilles, to send overland with letters, but I told him I could not answer to do any such thing, and left him.

The next day, being the 20th, he being again astern, fired another gun. I stayed for him, and he then sent his master abroad, desiring two or three lines from me where he might find me. Understanding his intentions, I answered that I had given him instructions for keeping company, as also a copy of the Admiral's instructions; whereupon he stood away, and I followed him, and fired a gun, and upon coming up with him, desired he would come on board; he refused, but bid me and my officers to go on board him, to see the letters he intended sending home, to which I told him he would break the Admiral's instructions, and destroy himself. I also desired Capt. Young with my lieutenant to go abroad, to dissuade him from his purpose, but he would not listen thereto. I sent them a second time to persuade him, as also to take his answer in writing, which they did, and which I sent the Admiral. He has charged the Admiral and all of us in general with revolting, as Capt. Young, my lieutenant, and others can testify. Capt. Saunders has shown an ill-disposition towards all the commanders, as also Mr. Wilson, and especially against the Admiral, of whose faithfulness you have good testimony in the late war and hard service by land and sea; and Mr. Wilson has always declared a good affection to his Highness, as can be proved. I think he is much abused. As for the rest of the commanders, I hope you are fully satisfied with them, and as for myself, I must be silent, not questioning but yon will look with a right eye upon Capt. Saunders' words, spirit, and actions, and give him his due accordingly. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 17. Kensington. **112.** Sec. Jno. Thurloe to his nephew, Col. J. Clarke. I send you a letter from the Vice-Admiral. Pray do what he requires, and send a messenger away to-night, so that he may not have to wait for pilots at Sole Bay. I do not know what he means by his inquiry about De Ruyter; I did not write one word to him about any such matter, nor doubt anything of his being returned. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

112. I. *Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson to Lord Thurloe. I have received yours, with his Highness's instructions to myself and Sir Phil. Meadows. I think our going to that place at this time of the year dangerous, but I am more afraid that I shall be unable to comply with my instructions as to the time of return, as it will be hard to get out at that time of year, with the freezing winds, which are from S.W. to N.E. Our great want is pilots, which cannot be found here; I have only* 4, *with which to get to Aldborough or Sole Bay, and then get others obtained by the Admiralty Commissioners from Yarmouth and*

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Ipswich. I have sent a ketch for them, and desire your second order to expedite them.

If we are forced to stay the winter abroad, I hope provision will be made for our supply; some things are now wanting, but I intend to sail to-morrow. I shall try to ascertain whether Vice-Adm. De Ruyter has returned. I have sent your instructions by the Fagons, who will meet us at the Scaw. 16 *November* 1658. *Swiftsure, Downs.* [1¾ *pages.*]

[Nov. 17.] **113.** Memoranda concerning the Protector's funeral. All that are to be in close mourning are to provide themselves according to their several stations.

The heralds to assign rooms in Somerset House for placing the mourners in their several degrees, and signals of the standards and banners to be put over the doors of the rooms where those who shall follow the several standards are to remain. Gentlemen waiters to carry the effigy out of the hall at Somerset House, and do the like at the Abbey.

Twelve persons of honour to carry the canopy over the effigy; they were usually gentlemen of the Privy chamber. To consider where the 300 of the City Artillery Company shall march, provide cases for their escutcheons, drums, and fifes, and consider whether ribbons or scarves shall be allowed them, and where they shall keep their rendezvous. Noted "To speak with Col. Shephard on Monday morning."

Four gentlemen ushers to be nominated to go bareheaded, 2 before and 2 after the hearse. Westminster church to be strictly guarded, to prevent the crowd of the people.

Signals to be made for discharge of the Tower ordnance, and other military performances, and notice to be given to all concerned therein. [1½ *pages.*]

[Nov. 17.] **114.** "Close mourners," being note of the 13 standards and banners to be used at the funeral, and the rank of their respective bearers, *e.g.*, "The banner of Cromwell to be borne by a Cromwell; the great embroidered banner to be borne by 2 earls, assisted with a viscount; 12 banneroles to be borne by 12 knights; 6 earls assistants to the pall."

The chief mourner between 2 attendants, 2 earls to support him, and his train borne by 5 peers; 14 earls or barons to be his assistants, &c.

A list to be made of all who are to go to the funeral, and out of this, the banner bearers and assistants to the chief mourner to be chosen.

The numbers of horses, trumpets, drums, and fifes to be agreed on, and the leaders of the horses. Colonels, and commanders, all in close mourning, to bear the 8 pieces of armour specified.

To every standard must be a horse caparisoned, led by 2 equerries and a groom, and attended with fife, drums, and trumpets, in long coats trimmed with ribbons; 40 trumpets in all, and 2 drums to each standard and banner. [3½ *pages.*]

[Nov. 17.] **115.** Notes similar to the above. [3½ *pages.*]

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[Nov. 17.] **116.** Names of Cromwell's noblemen and others appointed to the said offices. [1 *page.*]

[Nov. 17.] **117.** List of all the general and field officers of England, Scotland, and Ireland. [1 *sheet.*]

Nov. 17. **118.** List of the officers of the army sent by Lord Fleetwood. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 18. Covent Garden. **119.** Geo. Fleetwood and H. Von Tischendorf, Swedish Commissioners, to Sir Oliver Fleming, master of the ceremonies. The enclosed shows us what place we are to expect at the funeral, and our belief is confirmed because the mourning sent us was the same given to the agent of Dantzic and every town.

We too much respect his memory who showed us so much civility to dispute places, but our relation to our master, as public ministers, requires better places. Our master treats Sir Phil. Meadows after a higher rate. We request either to be placed next the ambassadors, or to be dispensed from attendance. We depend on your friendship and discretion. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Nov. 18. **120.** Petition of Thos. Audley, M.A., minister, to the Protector. Was sequestered from Cromhall rectory, co. Gloucester, not for scandal in life, doctrine, or conversation, but for differing in judgment; yet the county Commissioners licensed him to preach at North Nibley. Was then presented to Woodchester rectory, and approved by the Commissioners for approbation of preachers, and is now presented to Seagrave rectory, co. Leicester, by the patron, Geo. Berkeley. Never having acted against Parliament or the present Government, begs leave to preach, if it appear that he is fitly qualified. With reference thereon to the Privy Council, 29 July 1658. Also notes of references endorsed 4 and 16 November. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

120. I. *Order by the County Commissioners for his ejection from Cromhall, as being ill affected to Parliament.* 11 *December* 1646. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page. Copy.*]

120. II. *Certificate by the Commissioners for Approbation of Preachers that they judge him fit to be rector of Woodchester, as appointed by the patron, Sir Rich. Ducie, Bart.* 28 *May* 1656. [1 *page.*]

120. III., IV., V. *Certificates in his favour by the following ministers: Wm. Hill of Standish, Stephen Giles of Stone, Nath. Capel of Brokthrop, Jonathan Prichard of Cromhall, Nath. Hall of Horsley, all co. Gloucester; Mat. Haviland of Trinity Parish, London, William and Hugh Ducie, and Ri. Corbett.* [3 *papers.*]

120. VI. *Like certificate by* 2 *of the above ministers, Wm. Sheppard, and* 3 *others,* 25 *September* 1658. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

120. VII. *Declaration by Audley that he acknowledges the lawfulness of the present Government of these nations, and is prepared to uphold and defend it.* 17 *November* 1658. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, holograph.*]

[Nov. 18.] Note of order in Council thereon. [*F.* 84, *col.* 1.]

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Nov. 18. **121.** Order in Council,—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on a petition of merchants trading to the East Indies, for a ship of war to go to St. Helena, to convoy and secure ships expected from India next summer, representing its advantage and stating the cost,—that the Admiralty Commissioners appoint a ship accordingly, to begin her voyage at such time as the merchants think convenient. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

121. I. *Order in the Admiralty Committee thereon, appointing the Marmaduke,* 150 *men, and* 36 *guns for this service.* 2 *December* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 18. **122.** Narrative by Edw. Fletcher, minister, of abuses of several men of Badington, co. Gloucester:—

(1.) When I asked possession of the meeting house, showing his late Highness's broad seal, and that of the Commissioners for Preachers, Jas. Doule, Rich. Eyckett, churchwarden, and Mr. Broad, their pretended minister, who had been ejected from Rencombe, 2 miles off, said I was no minister, and I should not come there. I waited 3 weeks, but could get no commissioner or magistrate to help me, as they thought the law would not bear them out, so I opened the door myself.

(2.) Next Lord's Day, I was disturbed in the service by Broad's sons rapping at the windows, and throwing stones at the pulpit.

(3.) Eyckett warned the parishioners not to hear me, and next Sunday I found Broad in the pulpit, who went on with the service when I attempted to pray, so that I was forced by threats to leave. In the afternoon they broke into the place by force, for which they were taken to prison, and then made friends with me to get them out, which I did; but they still oppose me, though more secretly, especially since the Protector died, saying, "Now his friend is dead, we will have him out," and they sue me at law. Doule and his 3 sons prevent my getting my tithes, revile those who hear me, and discourage poor men from doing my work, so that I had to get men from Gloucester to help with my harvest; and they said [Jas.] Forbes, pastor of the church at Gloucester, should be whipped out of town.

I beg his Highness and Council to afford me relief. [1⅔ *pages, and scrap.*]

Nov. 18. Reference on abuses to Edward Fletcher, minister of Badington, by some of his parish. [*I.* 84, *col.* 15.]

[Nov. 18.] Index entries of Orders in Council. [*I.* 84.]

210,000*l.* from the 6 months' assessment begun 25 Dec. 1658 to the Treasurers-at-War. [*Cols.* 1, 43.]

Major Burton, mourning allowed. [*Cols.* 4, 14.]

Other mourning allowed. [*Col.* 13.]

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Index entries of Orders in Council.—(*cont.*)

Faustus Morstyn, exile of Poland, and Paul Hartman referred to the Committee for Piedmont and the Protestants of Poland. [*Cols.* 27, 32.]

181*l.* to Rob. Walton, for coals, &c., for wounded men at Dover. [*Col.* 43.]

600*l.* to John Maidstone for his Highness's funeral. [*Col.* 27.]

300*l.* to the Building Commissioners. [*Col.* 4.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 147–150.]

Nov. $\frac{18}{28}$. Whitehall. [Admiralty Commissioners to Capt. John Stoakes.] We are sorry that Capt. Saunders should carry himself so unhandsomely. We hope it was the effect of sudden passion, and will proceed no further; but if the frigate will not be secure in his hands, or if further prejudice will come to the service by his means, appoint some more staid and sober person to his command; and as you have the opportunity of sending some of the squadron home, see that those who remain be of one piece, and obey your commands. We send particulars of an engagement between the Dutch and Swedish fleets. The Swede had the better; Vice-Admiral Goodson's squadron is gone to his assistance. The siege of Copenhagen is carried on. [1 *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

Nov. 18. Yarmouth. **123.** Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send letters from Vice-Admiral Goodson, received from Capt. Holland, who was sent to look after Capt. Country's ketch with the pilots. There were only 3 to be had at Yarmouth, one of whom promised to be ready at half an hour's warning, but when called on, he ran away. I have sent a boat after him, and if found, I will put those two pilots into Capt. Holland, and send him after the fleet, which passed this evening, and send the ketch to Hull to get more pilots; it is the best place in England for them. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Nov. 18. The Assurance, Yarmouth Road. **124.** Capt. Philip Holland to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Vice-Admiral being much occupied, I send you at his request, a list of the 18 ships which sailed with him this afternoon for the northward. When about Longsand Head, I received orders from him to stand in for Alford Ness, so as to range the coast to Sole Bay, in expectation of meeting those frigates he ordered to go for pilots; but not meeting them, I stood off again to him. As it was blowing very fresh and thick weather, a council of war was called, when the Vice-Admiral, declaring the great concernment of the present design, and how requisite it was that all expedition should be used in plying to the place of rendezvous, as much prejudice might ensue if the wind should come about easterly, it was concluded not to wait any longer for the pilots, but to make use of such of the men in each ship as knew those parts, myself only excepted, whose lot it was to return to the Roads, confer with Major Burton touching the pilots, and bring them in my frigate, and then ply to the rendezvous at the Scaw; but in case of contrary winds, then to range between Flamborough Head and Scarborough. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

124. I. *List of the ships alluded to.* [*Scrap.*]

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125. Major Robt. Thomson, Major N. Bourne, and Capt. John Taylor, to the Admiralty Commissioners. According to your order of the 2nd inst., we have called to our assistance Mr. Arkinstall and Capt. Badiley, and taken a view of the River Medway, both above and below Upnor Castle, and considered the berths and places of riding where the Sovereign and Resolution now are, as also consulted the nature and depth of the channel between the dock and Upnor Castle, where some time since the Sovereign and Resolution have rode, before the Naseby, Richard, London, and Dunbar, were built. Although it may be possible to find room and water to moor the Sovereign and Resolution above the castle, in the place of some of the fore-mentioned ships, yet then we shall be at a loss where to dispose of the rest with safety.

On consideration of the premises, we have judged it most advisable to let the Sovereign and Resolution remain at their present moorings; and also, on serious debate had upon the place, having taken into our view the advantages that we conceive will accrue thereby, in gaining so large a room for the anchoring and riding of a considerable number of ships of several rates, we have forborne to give order for making a boom near Upnor Castle, and rather advise that St. Mary's and Howe Creeks be both so piled or barricaded as no boats may pass to and fro (which will be done at little charge), and that about half a mile below the Sovereign, the river be secured after this manner, *viz.*:

That two small vessels or frigates (of which the Henrietta shall be one) be moored abreast each other in the best of the channel, about a cable's length distance one from the other, where they may constantly ride; each vessel to have 6 or 8 guns, as also small shot and other ammunition necessary for 30 men, which number we conceive to be a competent guard for the service intended; both vessels to be commanded by one captain and one master, who are to be divided one to each vessel, for the better commanding the men in both, and with a boatswain, gunner, quarter-master, and cook to each vessel, and a carpenter and purser for both; and that all the other men be stout able seamen, and not more than 4 servants borne on both vessels.

We further advise, for the safety of all the navy in this place, that between each vessel and the shore, the passage be shut up with piles and masts; and for prevention of mischief by any boat or other vessel attempting to pass in the night between the two frigates, that strict commands be given to the captains, who are constantly to lie on board, for a general restraint of all manner of vessels to pass through, after or before a convenient hour that shall be fixed for the watch to begin and be concluded, and that there be also a good rowing shallop hauled up alongside of each frigate, ready to prevent or pursue all who shall presume to pass, unless for the immediate service of the navy, and that by special warrant. Also that for greater security, one of those shallops shall by turns be upon the scout, especially in dark nights.

As an encouragement to diligent and constant attendance upon their duty, which will not be small, the pay of a 5th rate

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frigate should be allowed to the captain and other officers. As for other rules and directions necessary to be given for the well-managing of this affair, we think that he who shall have the directing of other navy affairs here should have the like in this also. This being resolved upon, the whole charge of the Henrietta will be taken in, and 8 navy gunners, who are now of little use in Upnor Castle, may be taken thence, and be part of the number for this action. [1¾ *pages.*]

Nov. 18. **126.** Orders in the Admiralty Committee to the Navy Commissioners in detail, complying with the suggestions of the preceding letter.

The Navy Commissioners are to prepare fitting instructions to be punctually observed by the captain and master of the said vessels in the management of this service; and as by this settlement the 8 navy gunners in Upnor Castle will be of little use there, the Commissioners and Treasurer for the Navy are to take care that henceforth no pay be allowed to them for their attendance in the Castle, but that they be removed thence, and borne upon the said vessels, as part of the established number. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 19. Yarmouth. **127.** Major Wm. Burton to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have sent a ketch after the fleet with 2 pilots, being all that could be obtained at Yarmouth; seeing the great want of more, I have sent Capt. Holland to get some at Hull, they being the best in England for the Sound. I have also written Col. Smith to get some, and hasten them away, and sent him the press warrant to use as he shall see safe, and they are to meet the fleet at the Scaw. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 20. **128, 129.** Order in Council that two fitting frigates named by the Admiralty Commissioners be forthwith sent southward to Capt. Stoakes, to attend his Highness's service against the Spaniards, and that the Admiralty Commissioners give instructions thereon. [2 *copies,* ½ *page. I.* 84, *col.* 15.]

[Nov. 20.] Index entries of Orders in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Mourning allowed. [*Col.* 15.]

Barges ordered to attend the funeral. [*Col.* 15.]

Mourning for Mr. Bowles. [*Col.* 15.]

Mr. Jessop to deliver bonds received from Dr. Bernard. [*Col.* 22.]

The mayor and aldermen of London to lend 300*l.* on the arrears of assessments. [*Col.* 25.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 151–154.]

Nov. 20. **130.** Account [by G. Frost, treasurer of Council's contingencies] of receipts and payments from 1 Oct. to 20 Nov. 1658. [2½ *pages.*]

Nov. 21. The Lyme, Toulon. **131.** Admiral Jno. Stoakes to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received yours by the Jonas and Abigail, whose provisions are not yet unladen, but when they are, I will send an account of their distribution by Jno. Hempson, whom I charged to send it to his brother. I have disbursed the money for the short fish, which amounts to 498¾ dollars, as likewise the necessary money, for

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which I have given Hempson a receipt, which in all amounts to 1,068¾ dollars. This, at 5*s.* a piece of 8, is 267*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.*, for which I have drawn a bill on you in favour of Capt. Ant. Young, to whom I hope it will be paid, and placed to the respective accounts. [¾ *page.*]

Nov. 22. Norwich.

132. John Plunkett [keeper of the prison] to Scobell. I send you the warrants relating to WM. Barber [missing] and Edw. Warren [or Warne]. We have no Wm. King, and John Goddard is already discharged. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

132. I., II. *Warrant for seizure and imprisonment of Edw. Warne of Westfield, co. Norfolk, for disturbing the public service at Westfield.* 18 *May* 1658. [2 *papers.*]

132. III. *Order in sessions for his detention till he pay a fine of* 5*l.* *Also warrant for detention of John Goddard, till he pay* 5*s.* *for refusing to serve on an inquest.* 13 *July* 1658. [*Scrap.*]

Nov. 22. / Dec. 2. Whitehall.

Rich. Creed to Capt. Stoakes. There are great complaints by Whitstone and others of your trusting too much to Wilson, whose honesty and faithfulness to the English interest are questionable. The Admiralty Commissioners advise you to be very cautious in future, lest prejudice should happen to you or the service. Lord Montague told them that he had written to you about it. Capt. Saunders, of the Torrington, presented himself on Saturday to the Commissioners, who, finding by his own relations and your letters, that he came away without orders, committed him to safe custody, and will have him tried at a council of war. [¾ *page. Copy, French correspondence.*]

Nov. 23. / Dec. 3. Ostend.

133. Admiralty Judges to the Admiralty Commissioners. In pursuance of your proposition expressed in your letter of the 10th ult, we have caused a list to be made of all the prisoners in our prison here to send to you. Meantime, we have seen an order of his Highness, the Governor and Captain-General of these countries, commanding the Governor of this place, as he has done all others, forthwith to release all the English and Scotch prisoners. As the said order contains all the prisoners, as well those kept at Ghent as elsewhere, they shall all be released and sent home, not doubting but this release will be reciprocal and general on both side, and that all the prisoners of this side, now in prison at York, Plymouth, or elsewhere, will be likewise released. Wherefore we thought good to advise your lordships thereof, and to send you the names of the prisoners we have in this town, that if there should not be a general release on your part, you may be pleased to release as many prisoners of ours as the said list contains of yours, from those kept at York and Plymouth, they having been there a longer time. We do not doubt but you will make good your promise, and as we gave every one of your prisoners whom we sent from hence a piece of money to help them on the way, we hope you will do the like with ours. [1 *page, French.*]

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Nov. 23. **134.** Translation of the preceding. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

Dec. 3. **134.** I. *List of* 70 *English and Scotch masters and mariners, prisoners in Ostend.* [1 *page.*]

Nov. 24. **135.** Col. T. Biscoe to Lord Fleetwood. Pray move Council for an order to the Army Committee to require Capt. Blackwell to pass the 3 months due to my regiment, for which I have received warrants, as they are 4 months behind the rest of the army in England. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

[Nov. 24.] Note of reference in Council of the above request. [*I.* 84, *col.* 4.]

Nov. 24. Index entries of Proceedings in Council [*I.* 84.]

Reports depending to be considered. [*Col.* 35.]
The Countess of Worcester's petition referred. [*Col.* 43.]
Gen. Monk's letter about Joachin Haine's relations referred. [*Col.* 29.]

Nov. 24. / Dec. 4. Hague. George Earl of Norwich to Sec. Nicholas, Brussels. Do not write to me again till I write you, as I shall be on the wing. There is a continued report from England of a ripening treaty with Spain, and it is very probable. We must so manage that our King be not deserted and thrust out by Spain as he was by France. The best way would be to give him underhand a good sum out of the million of crowns now sending from Spain to Flanders, and entreat him to withdraw to Cologne or Liege, to be there privately while Spain alarms France with this treaty, and for the King to do his best in England for himself, Spain contributing thereto by mediation, and caution for what shall be agreed on, in case this new Protector and his Council find it more safe, and not less easy to agree with his Majesty on the terms propounded. I give you this warning, though I know too well the power that steers all with you to think it will be of any force; I may say to the King, as St. Paul to the Corinthians, that I will gladly spend and be spent for him, though the more I love him, the less I am beloved.

We hear of great disorders in England, and a probable war with these States. Letters from Brussels say our master's business in England was never in so fair a way as now, and yet there is a rumour of a new plot lately discovered. I am confident that before 3 months we shall hear of strange changes. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

Nov. 24. / Dec. 4. Ghent. ——— to [Sec. Nicholas]. Capt. Malcolm Smith asks for a pass, but I think he only means leave, for a pass might prejudice him. Pray procure it from the King, or he will not move. He will return when he has settled his business. Tell my Lord Lieutenant about it. I have written all news from here to Ned. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

[Nov. 25.] **136.** Petition of John Tooly, mayor of Boston, and sundry gentlemen, ministers, and others of co. Lincoln, to Oliver, Protector. We are sensible of the miraculous deliverances vouchsafed you those last years, enabling you to free the Lord's precious ones from those

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Nov. 25. that would have hunted them down; but we beg to represent that some of our godly and reverend brethren, preachers of the gospel, were prosecuted at the last Lincoln assizes, 19 July 1658, for not administering the Lord's Supper to all their parishioners, according to the statute of 1 Edward VI. "This hath so heartened those which have little or no religion in them, yea, those that are disaffected to the power of it, that they are in hopes of a general admission to all the ordinances of Christ, as they were under the time of the late bishops."

"As liberty of conscience is the chiefest jewel lately purchased so dearly, we beg you to discountenance such proceedings, that religion may flourish in power, and that faithful ministers may have their hearts and hands strengthened in making known the mystery of the Gospel, and in separating the precious and the vile. 40 signatures, including the following ministers:—

John Wheelwright, Belleau.	Rich. Alford, Ludborough.
Martin Fincher, Tetney.	Mark Hagg, West Ashby.
Wm. Moore, Benningworth.	Wm. Johnson, Bolingbroke and Hartkeal.
John Vincent, Grimoldby.	W. Young, Burgh.
Geo. Paddison, North Coates.	John Taylor, Skidlaby.
Hen. Dall, Louth.	

With note of order endorsed. [1½ *sheets.*] *Annexing,*

136. I. *Statement that on* 19 *July* [1658], *at Lincoln assizes, Judge Windham charged the laity to reverence their pastors, and the clergy to be at unity among themselves and diligent in their office, especially in administering the Sacrament to all that require it, it being a tyranny beyond that of prelacy for a minister to deny it to such as will not pin their faith to his sleeve. Also that the grand jury so well approved of this charge, that next day they presented several ministers for neglect of this duty.* [1 *page.*]

136. II. *Statement that the Judge also said it was lawful to refuse dues to a minister who would not baptize children, and administer the Sacrament to all but the ignorant and scandalous.* [⅔ *page.*]

136. III. *Further note that Windham said many ministers dealt worse with the people than the Popish priests, who would allow to all.* [1 *page.*]

136. IV. *Detailed account by Thomas Palmer, minister at Aston-on-Trent, summoned by Rob. Houlden and others for not administering the Sacrament, of the conversation in court between him and Judge Windham on the subject; adding that Mr. Houlden declared that Windham advised the parishioners to detain their tithes unless allowed the Sacraments, and if the case came into court, the judges would relieve them. Also that Houlden, aided by Rich. Byron, "another carnal rich man," has drawn the parish to combine to bear the charges of a suit in law*

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against him, and has refused his tithes, and that 2 justices who were applied to refused to summon them. [2 *pages.*]

136. v. *Statement by Rich. Moore that in a case at Worcester assizes, in* 1656, *between Ezekiel Couchman, a registered minister, and Rob. Moore and his wife, for words spoken by Mrs. Moore against Couchman, Justice Windham urged the jury to heavy damages, because Moore was a prosecutor of Couchman before the County Commissioners for scandal, and Windham said that thus honest men came to be sequestered, whereon the jury gave* 80*l. damages.* 7 *Oct.* 1658. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 25. Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Petition of the Excise farmers for co. Berks referred. [*Col.* 14.]

Mourning for Col. Le Hunt. [*Col.* 15.]

The business of Oxwich and others to be considered. [*Col.* 31.]

Dutch papers concerning East India business and Portugal prizes to be considered.

Draft of an order for supplying Phil. Tandy's absence, as to delinquents' estates, referred. [*Col.* 9.]

The names of prisoners to be returned. [*Col.* 32.]

Council adjourned. [*Col.* 17.]

Missing Order Book, pp. 157–9.

Nov. 25. / Dec. 5. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to Capt. Stoakes. I have been too ill to write you lately. I am glad of your recovery. Lord Montague has written you of the coming home of the Torrington, and Council's orders on [Capt. Saunders'] mutinous leaving the fleet. No credit will be given to his stories against you, his Highness having entire confidence in you.

Those little motions that were in the army are all quieted, and things in good order. The Vice-Admiral, with 20 ships, is gone for the Sound, to look after the State's interest in those parts. We have heard nothing thence since the first fight between the Dutch and the Swede. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, Copy, French correspondence.*]

Nov. 25. / Dec. 5. Whitehall. Admiralty Commissioners to Thomas Hart, merchant at Bayonne. You desire the release of some prisoners now in England, in lieu of some released at St. Sebastian's and Passage. But many of our men brought into those parts were not released as prisoners, but cleared on the delivery of their ships, and so incapable of exchange. We have now in durance only 20 persons of the St. Michael frigate, and as many of Capt. Hamilton's company. None of our men who came over on parole for release of others have been before us, and therefore we cannot release any, unless we have the names of the men, with some assurance that they were discharged on that account. Direct such as are freed henceforth to appear before us on their coming over, and to have a note from the Governor, or some authentic person belonging to the place whence they come, saying why they are enlarged, and for whom, as many cheats have been endeavoured in this kind. We cannot admit the exchange of any

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English, Scotch, or Irish, taken in the enemy's ships, for we look on them as pirates, and they should be proceeded against accordingly. Capt. Hamilton is not at present in durance, having had his freedom some time since. [1 *page, Copy, French correspondence.*]

Nov. 25. London. Levant Company to Sir Thomas Bendish, ambassador at Constantinople. By your letter of 28 May, we have a relation, and from Smyrna complaints of a leviation of 15,705 dollars 32 aspers, there made on the company's goods, for supplying value of the Grand Seignior's provisions laden on the Little Lewis at Alexandria. Although we have done our best to prevent the mischief expected to follow such an affront given to the Porte, we are not satisfied at your course taken for supplying what is wanting out of our estate, especially when considering your articles of agreement with us, not to establish any consul without our license, and in your letter to us of April 1657, saying you had settled a consul at Cairo, you note our wishes to the contrary; this the company disowned, foreseeing danger to trade in Egypt, and having had no benefit by the duties raised, they have little reason to submit to the charge, much less Smyrna alone, where we were 4,500 dollars in cash, and might have passed without leviation but for this unexpected tax.

Since this trade in Egypt has been settled at your charge and risk, and against our express articles, and since you have had the sole benefit of the duties raised, you must defray the charge, especially the 15,705 dollars lately levied at Smyrna, the payment of which by our factors we disclaim, but will take your bond for it at three half years from Christmas next.

This being done, we will contract with you for 5 years' longer employment, and have prepared articles to be sealed and returned to us, when we will send you the counterpart, but you are to give good security as formerly for discharge of duty.

You recommend the petition of the two young sons of Nich. Drapery, for the stipend of 100 dollars a year, which they had till — Lancelot became our agent, but it was stopped through their misbehaviour in the late troubles; if you find them honest and useful, you may employ them.

Having been obliged to raise 2,000*l.*, we have given bills of exchange at 4*s.* the dollar, on Aleppo, Smyrna, or Constantinople, which must be paid at the end of 12 months, as promised, either by the ordinary duties or a moderate leviation.

We regret the death of John Erisey; we hear that you have taken his estate from his assignees, and committed it to others, who are not to dispose of it without order from England, which injures those interested. You are to give your reasons for this.

We want copies of the Grand Seignior's letters, of the articles with Tunis sent you by Capt. Stoakes, and of those now concluded with Tripoli.

You name that you have supplied our consul at the Morea with his barrats, though with difficulty by reason of the Turks' jealousy on that trade. We hope your circumspection will preserve us from injuries. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 312, 313.]

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Nov. 25. London. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton, consul at Smyrna. Since our last of 18 June, yours of 13 April, 10 May, and 24 June are to hand, signifying your increased fear by the Castle lately erected at that point, the insolence of the Turkish officers there, and the affront offered to yourself. Amongst other troubles, we cannot but resent the late leviation of 15,705 dollars made for the value of Capt. Ell's lading, which his Lordship had little reason to lay on our estate, much less on Smyrna alone, since the trade with Egypt, whence this accident arose, was erected by himself, against our covenants, and he alone has enjoyed the duties. We approve your endeavours to prevent the leviation of it, and have here, by a general court, disclaimed the payment, and expect his Lordship will refund the money, as we have written to him to do, intimating that on satisfaction thereof, we will continue him 5 years longer in his employment.

Yours of 23 August is just to hand. We thank you for your discovery in the matter of the 10 per cent. levied on Armenian goods imported on the Rose and Crown, and for your taking the broke. We also approve your reducing the 20 to 10 per cent. on their submission, and desire your continued care.

We have taken up 2000*l.* on bills of exchange payable at Smyrna, Aleppo, or Constantinople, which we wish satisfied accordingly; if the ordinary duties will not suffice, a small leviation may be made. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 314.]

Nov. 25. Levant. Levant Company to Henry Riley, Consul at Aleppo. We have to answer yours of 24th April, concerning the villainous pretences of Hussan Bassa in obtruding an Avania upon you, and his success in extorting from you a bribe of 3,000 dollars by pretence of redressing a grievance and regulating the weight of silk and other Persian goods, which, though bad enough, is better than a downright Avania.

Order about 2,000*l.* taken up upon bills of exchange, payable as in the last two letters.

Mr. Bodington, our factor marine, having signified his intention to return to England, we have appointed and shall speedily despatch in his stead Wm. Edwards, and we desire you to see the office faithfully filled meanwhile. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 315.]

Nov. 25. London. Levant Company to Jonathan Dawes, Treasurer at Constantinople. We have declared to his Lordship our resentment at the late leviation of 15,705 dollars laid on our Smyrna estates, for making up the Grand Seignior's demand concerning Capt. Ell's lading, which is not due from us; we expect repayment to our factors, within eighteen months from Christmas next, and accept his own bond to pay, which matter we desire you to see done.

Upon his Lordship's complaint, we have decided to enter contract for his continuance Ambassador there for 5 years longer, and have sent our articles for his signature; this you must see done, and the articles returned. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 316.]

Nov. 26. The Swiftsure, Aldborough Bay. **137.** Vice-Admiral Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I left the Downs the 17th instant, and the coast pilots taken in at Deal

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advised the fleet's anchoring that night off Margate Sands; the next day we arrived off Aldborough, where I expected the rest of the pilots from Yarmouth and Harwich, having sent vessels for them; but none coming, we sailed again, and I sent the Assurance to Yarmouth, to bring them after us to the Scaw. We were in hopes by the winds we then had, we might obtain them in 10 hours.

After parting with the land, the wind dulled until the next morning, when it came N.E.; notwithstanding this, we beat to windward until it changed, and then got into our course again until the 20th, when it coming very bad, with much snow and hail, the Commanders advised,—to avoid the fleet being separated and other dangers,—to bear up for and anchor near Sole or Aldborough Bay, for conjunction with the rest of the squadron, receiving our pilots, and waiting a further opportunity of wind. This was done, but with much difficulty, the Centurion losing her foremast and maintopmast, as also two men, besides hurting 2 or 3 more. Since then there has been a great sea, and two of my boats have been sunk, one being on shore for water, and the other for my letters from Yarmouth and Harwich, so that as yet I have no news either of ships or pilots. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Nov. 26. London. **138.** John Reeve to his brother [Mat. Reeve.] Family affairs. My mother and sister are well. I am sorry trade is so bad in Norwich that you think of moving. I think I shall have to settle in the country. I will look after your Irish business. [1 *page.*]

Nov. 26. / Dec. 6. Hague. George Earl of Norwich to Sec. Nicholas. I shall not stir till I see farther, as things work so fast on all sides for our master's interests, if there be reasonable use made of them; not that I think I can be of any use in so great a work, but I take a sensible part in it. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

Nov. 27. / Dec. 7. Antwerp. Thomas Lord Wentworth, to Sec. Nicholas, Brussels. I have not written of late, having no news, but I much respect your judgment and integrity. I shall wait on the King as soon as I have sent back my wife, who will take charge of anything you wish to send by her. What reflections do you make in our Court on the troubles in the army in England, or the likelihood of a breach between Holland and the rebels in England? They give us some hope for good. [1 *page. Flanders correspondence.*]

Nov. 27. **139.** Order in the Committee on the Quakers' paper on the returns from the several prisons, requesting a pardon for 7 Quakers named, still in prison for non-payment of fines. Those in prison for contempt, and not answering bills, are, they think, discharged by the death of his late Highness, *viz.*, 34 named, in several prisons.*

* Most of these names are in the returns from the several prisons; those omitted are:—

Gloucester: Edw. Budding. Wm. Peasley, Thos. Beale.

Horsham: Rob. Adams.

The Fleet: David Hall.

Ivelchester, from which the enclosure is missing, John Doget, Geo. Taylor, Henry and Sam. Clothier, Thos. Lockier. Also Eliz. Tucker, Anne Wulnoth, and — Giles, fined 20*s.* each for a riot in the prison—these being in the 7 recommended for pardon.—ED.

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As to those in prison for disturbing ministers, not putting off hats to the court or justices of peace, and not finding sureties for good behaviour, many of whom have lain long in prison, they think a letter should be sent from his Highness and Council, to request the judges to try to prevent such contempts by having their hats pulled off before they come into court. [2 *pages.*]

Nov. 27. Note in Council that the Quakers' case was reported. [*I.* 84, *col.* 34.]

[Nov. 27.] **140.** Request of Capt. John Northend to the Protector Richard:—

To order 100 men for security of Scarborough Castle, either by adding 32 to the 68 there in his company, or sending another company.

To allow 40*l.* or 50*l.* for repair of the walls, bridge, &c.

To allow 11*l.* 9*s.* 5*d.* disbursed by him for repairs, soldiers' bedsteads, &c.

To grant 6*d.* a day more for fire and candle for the guard, and for hiring boats to search ships for passengers.

For cross bar and chain shot, granado shells, 100 muskets and pikes, &c.

I want these as an additional order to that granted by your late revered father. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

140. I. *Account of moneys disbursed by Northend since he came to Scarborough Castle,* 5 *March* 1657–58, *to* 9 *Nov.* 1658; *total,* 11*l.* 9*s.* 5*d.* [3½ *pages.*]

Nov. 27. Whitehall. **141.** Reference thereon by Council to Lords Fleetwood, Whalley, and Goffe, and their report in favour of the above desires. With note of order 9 December. [1½ *pages.*]

Nov. 27. Index entries of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Council summoned. [*Col.* 3.]

The Earl of Rutland's order touching ore returned. [*Col.* 35.]

[Thos.] Lock, ore returned secured. [*Col.* 25.]

Fine remitted to Jas. Potter. [*Col.* 32.]

Lord Russell [to export?], 4 horses free of duty.

Privy Seal for 20,000*l.* a year for the dowager of his late Highness. [*Col.* 9.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 160–162.]

Nov. 29. / Dec. 9. Whitehall. Gen. Montague to Capt. Stoakes. Capt. Saunders, when examined as to the manner of his departure from you, told so idle and bad a story that we think (as you write) that he was something distracted, and foully in fault, wherefore we committed him to prison, and shall try him when you send information and witnesses. I was heartily glad to see that all your enemies' attempts to shake your credit proved your discretion, and heightened our confidence in you. I am glad that you give so good an account of Mr. Wilson. Still divers who wish you well are not satisfied.

Vice-Adm. Goodson is at sea, but I fear the late winds will have prevented his doubling the Scaw. The Dutch are sending 4,000 men, under convoy of 4 or 5 men-of-war, to the Dane. I wish

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Goodson may get into the Sound before them. His Highness's funeral is past, and matters are well with us. I suppose a Parliament will be called ere long. [1 *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

Nov. 30. **142.** Petition of Geo. Kitchin, of Kingston-on-Hull, for himself and 7 others, to the Protector. We petitioned your father that in 1642–43 we lent 300*l.*, the third of some of our estates, and part of it borrowed, for the Army, and we are brought to great poverty by payment of interest. Knowing that your father had great occasions for money, we asked to be allowed in lieu thereof the broken and useless iron guns in Hull, Scarborough, York, and Newcastle, instead of our loan, and we got a reference and report. We beg your order to receive them. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

142. I. *Reference alluded to of their petition to Col. Overton, governor of Hull, to ascertain their good affection, necessities, and sums lent, and the value of the said guns.* 5 *April* 1654. [½ *page.*]

142. II. *Report by Overton that the persons are well affected and needy, the sums lent* 140*l.* 10*s.*, *which, with* 12½ *years' interest, come to* 281*l.*, *and the guns are valued at* 267*l.* 10*s.* 8 *May* 1654. [*Copy,* 1⅓ *pages.*]

Nov. 30. **143.** Reference of the petition by Council to the Admiralty Commissioners. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

143. I. *Report of the said Commissioners, submitting the matter to Council, as the case is of an universal nature, and not the private concernment of the petitioners only.* 3 *December* 1658. [⅔ *page.*]

Nov. 30. **144.** Petition of 15 seamen, late belonging to the Speaker, to the Protector. We and many others were commanded on shore last May at Ostend, by Vice-Admiral Goodson, but the enemy betrayed us all, and we have been prisoners at Ghent ever since. We are now exchanged and returned to England, and ready to engage in the service, but beg speedy relief by having our arrears or otherwise. 15 signatures. [1 *page.*]

[Nov. 30.] **145.** Order in Council for them to be paid according to their several capacities, and for the Admiralty Commissioners to give order for the signing of their bills. [1 *page*; *also I.* 84, *col.* 87.]

[Nov. 30.] Index entries of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Rich. Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg, goods custom and excise free. [*Col.* 4.]

The arrears of excise to be brought in. [*Col.* 14.]

A month's pay for the army. [*Col.* 1.]

The Customs' Commissioners to pay 5000*l.* to the treasurer of the Navy, out of Algiers duty. [*Col.* 7.]

100*l.* a piece to the Building Commissioners.

291*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* to them.

They to give an account of that affair. [*Col.* 4.]

Army Committee and Receivers-general [appointed] for the fourth 6 months' assessment. [*Col.* 1.]

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Nov. 30. The Swiftsure, Sole Bay.

146. Vice-Admiral Wm. Goodson to Lord Montague, General of the Fleets. I have been prevented putting to sea by contrary winds, and much hail, snow, and rain, but you may be confident that I and all the other commanders here have a great affection to the undertaking; as our men are already much pinched by the cold weather, I hope that a recruit of men and some warm clothes may be sent. I have only received one pilot from the shore, who was formerly a master of the Elizabeth, and sent from Major Burton, but I have been rummaging the fleet, according to the sea phrase, and found 6 mates and midshipmen somewhat acquainted with the Sound, and I have distributed them amongst the ships. Sir Rich. Stayner sends his service. [1 *page.*]

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147. Major John Harris to John Jessop, clerk of Council. I find that to have an ill name is to be half-hanged. After waiting daily at the Council door and in Whitehall, I was torn from my family at 10 p.m., and imprisoned, on an untrue suggestion about a copy of an order by me delivered to Mr. Stannard. I received it, a copy of a petition pretended to be before Council, and other papers and certificates, from John Langley, mariner of Harwich, the petitioner, procured, he said, by Portman, a scrivener in Seething Lane, a great solicitor for seamen, who was paid for it. I was but a proxy in the affair, but was anxious for payment of moneys due to me from Langley, and hoped this business would secure my debt.

I am bound in a large sum to appear before Council on summons, and it would be madness in me to attempt such a business on so slender an account, as I have done my utmost to gain the favour of Council, and to prove that, though I had changed my condition, I had not lost my affection to the public interest, a small proof of which was my late public presentation of the funeral commemoration in tables. I have many law causes in hand for others, and my imprisonment would be my ruin. I beg release on the security depending, and on my parole. Also I beg that Langley, now on board the George of London, may be secured, and forced to ascertain from whom he had that order, and that I may be allowed to find and produce the person who brought it me. This would save me and my family from inevitable ruin. If I do not clear myself, instead of imprisonment, let them take my life. [1 *page.*]

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148. Capt. Robt. Storey to the Admiralty Commissioners. I would have acquainted you with my removal into the Fairfax earlier, but judged it more proper it should come from Admiral Stoakes. He afterwards ordered me to sail and secure the coming in of the fish ships, who have all since safely arrived, although there were 4 of the enemy's men-of-war in Gibraltar on the look out for them, whom I chased, but could not come up with them. We did not lose our labour however, as we found the St. Mary of Amsterdam from St. Domingo, with 13,000 hides and 50 tons of cocoa, which the master pretends to belong to Dutch merchants, but I find she came out under a Spanish commander, and Spanish crew, who were discharged at the Canaries, and order given to deliver her lading at Cadiz. Also that they brought 12,000 pieces of 8, which they sent

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for Holland 4 days before we took her. I am carrying her with me to Admiral Stoakes at Toulon, from whence I will send a fuller account, not having yet perused her papers. I hope you will send the Admiral directions what to do with her. [1¾ *pages.*]

Nov. **149, 150.** Account of the weekly receipts and issues of the Exchequer, 2–9 Oct., and 13–20 Nov., 1658. [2 *papers.*]

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Dec. 1. **1.** Petition of the under clerks, messengers, serjeants' deputies, and other officers of Council, to Council, for a Privy Seal for their ½ year's salaries and bills for riding journeys, &c. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 1. Note of order thereon for 5,000*l.* to Mr. Frost, for salary of Council's officers. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 7.]

[Dec. 1.] Index entries of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Money for supply of the Flanders garrisons. [*Col.* 15.]

A concealed debt of 1,000*l.* to Sir Edw. Littleton, in Sir Thos. Woolridge's hands, registered. [*Cols.* 25, 43.]

Dutch ambassador's papers concerning injuries sustained by the Dutch. [*Col.* 9.]

None to come into the Council chamber and lobbies but such as are sent for.

Council officers' salaries to be 5,000*l.* [*Col.* 7.]

The petition of Duke Wyvell read. [*Col.* 43.]

Duke of Buckingham's petition and order. [*Col.* 9.]

The security of the tellers of the Exchequer referred. [*Cols.* 14–40.]

A proposal for a loan of 50,000*l.* referred.

Martin Lester's business reported. [*Col.* 25.]

Rob. Pickering about St. Malo. [*Col.* 32.]

Reference how to supply the army pay of some regiments charged on arrears in London. [*Col.* 1.]

Augmentation to Chesselton. [*Col.* 7.]

A letter to the States General. [*Col.* 37.]

Instructions to Geo. Downing.

Answers reported to the Dutch ambassador's papers. [*Col.* 9.]

The case of the ship Endeavour and her owners considered. [*Col.* 14.]

The petition of the Committee for co. Berks for ejection of scandalous Ministers referred. [*Col.* 27.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 173–179.]

Dec. 1. **2.** Roger Hall and Geo. Day, churchwardens of St. Edmund's, Lombard Street, to ——. We desire that Jasper Clayton, Jos. Alston, John Cooke, Hum. Nicholson, and the churchwardens for the time being, be the feoffees in trust for the use of the poor in this parish. Noted as ordered. [⅔ *page.*]

Dec. 2. **3.** Major John Harris to President Lawrence. I am in danger of shipwreck through the storms of Council's anger beating, so sore upon me, and I endeavour to anchor in your favour, that I

may reach a peaceable harbour. I am innocent of my charge, and could prove it if I had liberty, but prejudice is a dangerous enemy. If my imprisonment continues, my wife and children will be irreparably ruined; it is neither Christian nor policy to execute on suppositions of guilt. I am under security already, and have offered more. I beg release on bail, a favour granted to persons more criminal, and who never spent blood or estate in your service, and leave to vindicate myself before Council. I can show that I have always espoused the present interest, and would hazard my life for it. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ *pages.*]

Dec. 2. St. Malo. **4.** Hen. Scobell to [the Lord Chamberlain]. My brother [Rob. Pickering], in his address to your Lordship, showed as follows:—"For years past, by reason of our wars with other nations, many poor men taken by the enemy repaired to St. Malo, to find supplies for their pressing necessities, and also to obtain their passage home. Their necessities being great and they many, they required the care of some particular person. Being requested by the rest of the English then here resident to take that care upon me, I willingly condescended, being promised by them their contributions towards my disbursements. Since then, many who were residing here have retired home, and others newly come will not contribute to old accounts, and being in disburse 40*l.*, I cannot obtain anything. I hope you will be a means that I am allowed it from the State, seeing that I so cheerfully disbursed for the public good, and the relief of our poor distressed countrymen. I omit other disbursements since, as we are seldom free from such poor men.

Being informed that the English merchants at Morlaix have obtained a yearly allowance from the State, to be employed for relief of our countrymen so taken, I propose that 30*l.* a year be allowed the English merchants in St. Malo, for the same good use, and a particular account shall be given from time to time. As those merchants in London who furnish the Navy Commissioners with sailcloth have it from this port, it is desired that some one of the English merchants residing here may have the buying of it, as at present Frenchmen are employed, to the prejudice and discredit of the English; it can be no prejudice to the public, inasmuch as we have as great a privilege here in buying as they. I desire your favour for this employment, and doubt not to give ample satisfaction. Also that when I quit the place, others of our nation may have the same honour."

There are other particulars in my brother's addresses to you, touching trade in general, to which I refer you. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Dec. 2. **5.** Order in Council that a paper presented by the Lord Chamberlain, on behalf of Rob. Pickering, for money for relief of poor English passing by St. Malo, be referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Dec. 2. Bruges. **6.** P. Flamborough to Jno. Bland. Having been from this city some days, and only returned last night, I could not comply with the setting at liberty of the English prisoners as you desired, but they shall all be freed this week, so that they may go in the packet

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boat that will sail in 8 days. This I do on the promise you have made me that the Admiralty Commissioners will not fail to let go as many Spaniards, and I pray you to let them give order to the master of the packet boat, that as the prisoners come, they may be received aboard, as the last time they made a difficulty therein, and the governor of Nieuport was forced to use his power to make them be received, whereby some are fain to go for Dunkirk; so be pleased to see some good order taken therein.

P.S.—I have this instant, by order of his Highness, set free from hence 15 English, besides those that are at Ghent, and am going to accompany them as far as Nieuport, and have given each of them 12 stivers to bear their charges, hoping you will do the like. [*Translation*, 1 *page*.]

Dec. $\frac{2}{12}$. Whitehall. Rob. Blackborne to Capt. Stoakes. Capt. Saunders, for coming home without your leave, will remain in custody of the serjeant-at-arms till brought to trial. His frigate is given to Capt. Harman, who is now with her in the Downs. Vice-Admiral Goodson, who sailed 17 November for the Baltic, and had got to Flamborough Head, was forced back by east winds to Southwold Bay, and cannot stir for E. and N.E. winds.

His Highness and Council have agreed to call a Parliament next February. God grant it may be such as will study the peace of the nation, and promote a settlement amongst us. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page, copy, French correspondence*.]

Dec. 3. **7.** Order in Council that—whereas Capt. Saunders of the Torrington, one of Capt. Stoakes' squadron in the Mediterranean, lately left his station, and came home to England without instructions or leave, and is therefore imprisoned by warrant from the Admiralty Commissioners,—it be recommended to the said Commissioners to give warrant for his being set at liberty, that he may go into the country about his own affairs, he giving security to render himself, and appear before the Commissioners on summons. [3 *pages*.]

Dec. 3. **8.** Petition of Sidrach Blake to the Protector and Council for letters of reprizal against the Spaniards. I was an active commander during the Dutch wars. In September 1655, the King of Spain's ships seized my 2 boats, and 18 of my men, whilst hauling anchor at Vigo, and they fastened my men in their shrouds to prevent my shooting; I was obliged to kill and wound several of my men, and after a long dispute, the ships were beaten off; 2 days later, I and my few men left were taken by 2 Dunkirk men-of-war, and I was prisoner 2 years till your late father enlarged me by releasing Don Diego Vilalvo, governor of Havannah. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page*.]

Dec. 3. Note of grant of the letters of reprizal. [*Index I.* 84, *col.* 4.]

[Dec. 3.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Parliament to be summoned for 27 Jan. [*Col.* 32.]

Art. Challoner's petition for a collection for a fire denied. [*Col.* 7.]

Reference about the repair of the lodges in the New Forest. [*Col.* 29.]

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[Dec. 3.] Supply of horses for Flanders referred. [*Col.* 15.]
The salary of Capt. Johnson, storekeeper in Flanders, referred. [*Col.* 22.]
Lord Lambert's second moiety of a fee-farm-rent referred. [*Col.* 25.]
Army warrants not to be anticipated. [*Col.* 1.]
Letter of Jas. Russell, governor of Nevis. [*Col.* 35.]
Governor of Christopher's. [*Col.* 7.]
The Quakers' case to be further considered. [*Col.* 34.]
The case of Whichwood Forest referred. [*Col.* 43.]
[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 182–188.]

Dec. 3. Toulon. **9.** Jno. Aldworth to the [Admiralty Commissioners]. I gave you notice of a letter received from Capt. Saunders of the Torrington, of his resolution to return home. I believe he would have done his Highness and the nation better service if he had obeyed Admiral Stoakes' order, and gone to the station appointed for him. There is now certain advice of the taking of Papachine, the prince of Spanish pirates, in these seas, which will be a great discouragement to the rest; the French nation, to whom he has also done much mischief, is no less joyful thereat than ourselves. I suppose the Admiral has given an account of a Dutch ship having been brought in by the Fairfax and Kent, laden with hides and other goods, which he intends landing and leaving in my possession, and of which I will send an account when the goods are discharged, as also obey such orders as may be sent for their disposal. Particulars of ships. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 3. The Richard, Downs. **10.** Rear-Admiral Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. According to directions from Lord Montague, I have sent the Torrington to transport 2 of Lord Dorset's sons, and a French Marquis, from Dover to France, and the Acadia to carry some passengers to Dunkirk belonging to his Excellency Lord Lockhart. Particulars of ships. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 4. The Guinea, Falmouth. **11.** Capt. Jeffery Pearce to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have come in with a packet for you from Admiral Stoakes at Toulon, as also with a ship richly laden from Leghorn, and 5 others whom I met in the Soundings, where I have been detained 12 days by easterly winds and foul weather. I will proceed for the Downs, being short of provisions. I beg your orders as to the disposal of Capt. Thos. Whitstone, who is on board, and also of his books and papers. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 6. The Guinea, Falmouth. **12.** Capt. Jeffery Pearce to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send a packet received from Admiral Stoakes, as also other letters which have been waiting for the post since I came in on the 4th inst. Capt. Whitstone intends going by post to London, and there is no order arrived to detain him. I will hasten to the Downs with the first wind. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 6. Dover. **13.** Thos. White to the Admiralty Commissioners. A ship arrived from Dunkirk on Saturday night with 57 prisoners; to such

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as were able to travel, I gave 1*s.* each, and 2*d.* in bread and beer; 15 were not able to travel. I gave the waggoner 5*s.* each to carry 11 of these, and those who were sick and not able to go in the waggon, I put into houses; the surgeons are taking care to look after them. Having expended 6*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* therein, I beg you will order the Treasurer to pay the bill, and also order me money to pay the poor workmen in the yard. I have to pay some as soon as the ships are out of harbour, I entreat you to order me 500*l.* on account of my arrears for repairing his Highness's ships. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

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13. I. *List by White of the men landed at Dover,* 1–5 *Dec., from* 4 *ships, and of the sums paid to or for them; total* 6*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. $\frac{6}{16}$. Antwerp. John Questell to Sec. Nicholas. You say the letters directed for Mr. Miller are not for you. A gentleman passing through for Holland requested me to take charge of some letters he meant to send from England for Sec. Nicholas and the Lord Chancellor, to be enclosed as formerly to Mr. Miller, so perhaps they may be for the Lord Chancellor. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Dec. 7. **14.** Petition of Anne, widow of Chas. Frank, minister of Thetford, to the Protector. I am left with 6 small children and many hundreds in debt. Your father gave my husband 20*l.* a year from the sinecure of Little Fakenham, Suffolk. I beg that this donative may be continued to his faithful friend, the present incumbent of Thetford, who, I am confident, will give me and my children the benefit of it. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 7. Note of order in Council thereon endorsed. [*Also I.* 84, *col.* 15.]

Dec. 7. **15.** Petition of Col. Gilbert Carr to the Protector. I served 3 years under the Earl of Essex and Sir Wm. Waller, as captain and major of horse, and then being called into the Scots' army, I served in England and Scotland 5 years against the malignants of both nations. The State of Scotland gave a precept for 2 months' maintenance for my forces in the West out of the sheriffdoms of Merse, Tividale, and Dumfilis, but it was never collected. That State also granted me, in Jan. 1650, 666*l.* out of fines of malignants and delinquents, and would have given 1,000 dollars in payment, but were obstructed by the coming of the army into Scotland, and other great losses. Your late father promised to pay my public debt and to consider me. I beg this 666*l.*, the balance of my accounts, and what is due to me for arrears. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 7. Note of an order in Council for a report. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 7.]

Dec. 7. **16.** Petition of the ministers in Galloway, Scotland, to the Protector. We were 12 months ago threatened with assessments, though our stipends are but alimentary allowances; there are many Acts of Parliament declaring it against equity for ministers to pay impositions, and it is without parallel in Scotland. We have several times applied to the Council in Scotland, who have recommended us seriously to the Assessment Commissioners. Yet a small

party of them (contrary to the will of the rest) still threaten us with impositions. We beg your order for discharge of this practice, which will prejudice, if not destroy, the Gospel ministry in these parts, and encourage malignants to follow the same way against faithful ministers through the nation. Signed by Thos. Wyllie, minister of Kircudbright. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 7. Note of order for their exemption from assessments, and of a letter to be written thereon. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 18.]

[Dec. 7.] **17.** Petition of Joane, relict of Walter Cole, or Cowles, to the Council at Whitehall. My husband had divers journeys to recover the rent [being a fief right] of Snede and Kiddenhall, co. Gloucester, at expense of 8*l.*, and 40*s.* for conveyances, and my son, being his heir, is willing to reconvey the same to his Highness's use, but begs payment of expenses, beside the 40*l.* out of purse. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*], *Annexing,*

17. I. *Report thereon by Sir Wm. Roberts, that the fee-farm-rents were bought by Cole in March* 1651–52 *for* 26*l.*, *and that* 14*l. is due for* 7 *years' rent, beside expenses; and therefore that Major Wade should pay her* 40*l.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Dec. 7. Note of order in Council thereon. [*I.* 84, *col.* 7.]

Dec. 7. **18.** Order in Council that a certificate from the Commissioners of Customs on a Council reference about the export of saltpetre, and a petition of Wm. Penoyer and others for leave to export some saltpetre, already shipped on a previous order permitting its export, but now stayed in the Thames, and the entering of more restrained, be referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, who are to speak with Penoyer and other merchants, and report. [1 *page.*]

19. Like order that the Admiralty Commissioners consider what ships of Vice-Adm. Goodson's fleet will be fittest to dispatch to the Sound, and certify Council, that they may be dispatched speedily. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Dec. 7. **20.** Report of the Admiralty Commissioners thereon, that they are all in a like ready posture for sailing, and sending in a list of them. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

[Dec. 7.] Index entries to Council's proceedings.

Augmentations to Katherine Hall, Marlborough, Stoke Newington, Axbridge, and Magdalen's, Taunton. [*Cols.* 1, 24, 27, 37, 40.]

Letter of the officers of Shrewsbury. [*Col.* 37.]

Mr. Carey, augmentation in Monmouth. [*Cols.* 7, 27.]

Capt. John Levert, discharge of 500. [*Col.* 25.]

6,000*l.* lent by his Highness for Flanders garrisons, secured out of the 13,000*l.* for Hackney and Stepney. Reference as to its disposal. [*Cols.* 15, 16, 32.]

An establishment for Flanders to be prepared.

8,000*l.* to be transported thither in foreign specie.

Contract for 2 months' bread and cheese referred. Also one for coals. [*Col.* 16.]

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A ship from the fleet to go to the Sound. [*Cols.* 15, 16.]

Jasper Morris to attend on Wm. Albright's petition; 10*l.* for relief granted to Albright. [*Cols.* 1, 27.]

Letter to the Commissioners for Assessments in Somersetshire, concerning the arrears of Lord Montague and Sir Phil. Twistleton's regiments. [*Cols.* 27, 37, 40.]

Salary of the Judges of Probate of Wills. [*Col.* 43.]

Petition of the mayor and aldermen of Durham, concerning John Ayerson, who is to be summoned. [*Cols.* 1, 9.]

Export of saltpetre restrained. [*Col.* 37.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 189–198.]

Dec. 7. Custom House, London.

21. Customs' Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. Having formerly, and of late especially, been informed of many frauds practised by assistance of ships of war and convoys, having commission from this Commonwealth, and of goods oftentimes therein conveyed away, and finding that they will not permit our Deputies at any time to come on board to search, whereby others take encouragement to do the like, we are necessitated to represent the same, and entreat your order to the commanders of convoys appointed, especially for the Western ports, to assist our Deputies in the execution of their duties, and not to go as convoys to any ships not duly cleared from the respective Custom Houses. Many ships have lately passed uncleared, wherein goods have been laden for which no entry has been made, and the only pretence alleged has been the opportunity of a convoy; which practice, if permitted, would soon prove of dangerous consequence, and prejudice the revenue under our management. That you may see we have some ground for what we write, we send a letter from our officer at Weymouth, wherein Capt. Lardge is represented to have been guilty. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

21. I. *Robt. Thorn to* [*the Commissioners of Customs.*] *Amongst other things, I hear that some men-of-war act very prejudicially to the public, by giving their assistance to persons defrauding the duties, and denying the same to the officers; they also prohibit the officers searching their ships, alleging they do it without warrant from the Admiralty Commissioners. Capt. Lardge, commander of the Lark, is guilty herein, to whom a reproof is due. Weymouth,* 4 *December* 1658. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

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22. Petition of the inhabitants of Bungay, Suffolk, to the Protector. We were settled with a godly minister, by the prudence and care of that nurse of religion, your late father, but some malignants, taking courage by his death, procured Harwood, a malignant, to preach, and he not only reproached the strict professors of religion but spoke against the government and your late father. Zeph. Smyth, our minister, complained to Col. Hum. Brewster, a magistrate near, who removed the old sexton; but since then our adversaries have oppressed us, and imprisoned our new sexton, and the gospel

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cannot be preached safely. You being raised to the government, for whom we hope a double portion of your father's spirit, we beg you will grant a commission to 7 gentlemen named, to call the parties before you, examine the case, and relieve us. Signed by Zeph. Smyth and 9 others, 1 by mark. [1 *page and scrap.*]

[Dec. 8.] Note of order thereon in Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 4.]

[Dec. 8.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

The ministers in Scotland not to pay assessments. [*Col.* 37.]

Petition of the tenants of sequestered estates in Norfolk referred. [*Col.* 37.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 198–200.]

[Dec. 9.] **23.** Petition of Rowland Morton, a poor man ruined by the evil practise of John Sharpe, attorney, Brentwood, Essex, to the Protector. Last Lent Assize, on a trial in dower,—Paperell and his wife sued me for thirds of 9*l.* a year, and Sharpe, the attorney, neglected to have the costs assessed by the jury, but issued a writ of inquiry, to my great cost, and insisted on damages since the ancestor's death, being 23*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*, not allowing for a former dower, and by doubling the damages, beside costs, has levied 50*l.* on me to my utter ruin, and Sharpe shared the money with Paperell. I beg aid, being remediless in a court of law. Noted to be put with Hen. Bound's papers. Received of Mr. Maidstone by Lord Chamberlain's order, 2 Dec. 1658. [1 *sheet.*]

[Dec. 9.] **24.** Petition of John Sharpe, gentleman, to Council. On the complaint of Geo. Bound, minister of Shenfield, Essex, I was ordered to attend you till discharged, and have been here several days. I regret my error in indicting Bound for refusing me the Sacrament of the Lord's supper on the Act of 1 Edw. VI., which I now find is repealed by the Act of petition and advice. I will waive my prosecution, and will live quiet for the future. I beg discharge. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 9. Note of an order in Council for his discharge. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 36.]

Dec. 9. **25.** Petition of Hen. Symball to Privy Council. By order of Sec. Thurloe, I delivered oats value 670*l.* 8*s.*, and coal value 825*l.*, last June to Ambassador Lockhart for the garrison at Dunkirk, and gave a bond in 500*l.* either to pay the foreign duty, or to procure a reprize for Mr. Noel. Lockhart wrote you about this, but it is not yet done, nor the money paid, and I have suffered in credit; I lost 400*l.* that those goods would have yielded, more than sold for. I addressed the Mardike Committee but without relief. I beg speedy payment, discharge of this foreign duty, and delivery of my bond. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

25. I. *Ambassador Wm. Lockhart to Council, requesting the payment to Symball of the* 1,495*l.* 8*s.*, *and the reprizing of the duty on the coals.* 8 *Dec.* 1658. [1 *page.*]

[Dec. 9.] Note of orders for payment of this sum by Mr. Frost, and for reprize of the foreign duty on 500 chaldrons of coals. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 37.]

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Dec. 9. **26.** Order in Council—on report of Lords Fleetwood, Whalley, and Goffe, that 10 rounds of shot for divers species of guns, 30 hand grenade shells, 100 muskets, 50 pikes, and 3 drake ladles are needful for better securing of Scarborough garrison,—that such proportions thereof as are in the stores be sent thither, and that the Admiralty Commissioners give warrant to the Ordnance officers accordingly, and that Fleetwood inquire of the Admiralty Commissioners whether the same can be supplied out of the present stores. [1 *page.*]

[Dec. 9.] Index entries of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Mr. Baxter's treaty about his stables for the horses at the Mews referred. [*Col.* 4.]

Reference on receivers' recognizances without fees. [*Col.* 35.]

Major Wm. Burton, duty of coals to Flanders reprized. [*Cols.* 4, 16.]

The Earl of Rothes' petition read and denied. [*Col.* 35.]

John Dove's petition about a debt of 310*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* for Mardike goods. [*Cols.* 9, 16.]

Reward to Capt. Horsington for seizing Henshaw. [*Col.* 20.]

Sam. Bartlett, assay-master for Derbyshire. [*Col.* 4.]

40*l.* on account and 11*l.* 9*s.* 5*d.* on a former bill granted to Capt. Northend for repairs at Scarborough. Also 6*d.* a day additional for fire and candle, and stores to be sent there.

The commanded party at Scarborough made up to 30. [*Cols.* 29, 37.]

Method of paying the Army regiments referred. [*Col.* 1.]

Mr. Jewkes to pay in 1,000*l.* of Mr. Toomes' estate. [*Col.* 22.]

Paul Priaulx' petition referred. [*Col.* 32.]

Hen. Robinson's petition about M. de Cezi's debt referred. [*Col.* 35.]

A letter to the Commissioners for Assessments in Norfolk, about the paying of Sir Phil. Twistleton's regiment, referred. [*Col.* 40.]

The release of Capt. Saunders suspended. [*Col.* 37.]

Benj. Dumaresq and other Jersey appeals. [*Cols.* 9, 22.]

Fras. Le Carteret's appeal. [*Cols.* 8, 25.]

The Duchy Court and Chamber appointed to keep the records of the House of Commons, and Mr. Scobell to deliver the books to Mr. Smith. [*Cols.* 9, 37.]

The Court of Requests to be repaired. [*Cols.* 8, 35.]

Col. Willoughby's salary as gentleman usher to the House of Lords. [*Col.* 43.]

Fast appointed. [*Col.* 16.]

How writs of election are to be sent to Scotland and Ireland. [*Cols.* 22, 37.]

Orders about the Dutch ship Santa Maria. [*Col.* 37.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 201–213.]

Dec. $\frac{9}{19}$. Caen. T. Mompesson to Sec. Nicholas. I will observe your commands, and will be careful to do nothing that may in the least alarm the

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rebels. I am glad they are falling out among themselves, as you report, though the Huguenot merchants here say all is quiet in England, and likely so to continue, and the army and people well pleased with the present Government. These wicked Calvinists are such favourers of rebellions, particularly Cromwell's, that when there is no bad news abroad, they forge some to encourage their disciples; and now times are so bad that we can seldom contradict them, for there is none almost in London that will venture to write any news; but I hope we shall soon be delivered from these tormentors.

We hear that in England they refuse to pay the poll tax of 6*d.* per head per month, and that another fleet is preparing, perhaps for the Indies.

I hope the judgment fallen on Barkstead will strike terror in the rest of his fellow rebels. [*Extracts, Flanders correspondence.*]

Dec. $\frac{9}{19}$. Brussels. [Sec. Nicholas to Lieut.-Gen. Middleton.] As it is held requisite here that all colonels of regiments attend the service in person, the Marquis of Ormond and Earl of Bristol have quitted their commands. As the King has a particular regard for you, he bids me ask whether you will personally execute the charge of colonel of the Scots' regiment here; otherwise he must dispose of it, which he forbears to do till he hears your resolution. [1 *page, draft, Flanders correspondence.*]

Dec. $\frac{11}{21}$. Paris. M. de Marces to [Sec. Nicholas]. My Lord Chancellor wishes me to trouble you with his packets. It would be better if you addressed Sir. H. Bennett without adding Resident, &c., the letters would be less likely to be opened, and my correspondent at the frontier gives him his title. You will have heard that the fleet from England under Goodson, going to the King of Sweden's assistance, was forced back by contrary winds. I hope it will be stopped till too late to go. A Parliament is called, or resolved to be called for February next. Father Jas. Talbot, formerly detained by you, is now in the court of France. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

[Dec. 11.] **27.** Petition of Step. Bolton and Christian Eylers, merchants, and Thos. Carter, cooper, to the Protector and Council. On a late order permitting the export of saltpetre, they bought great quantities for ready money, but an order has since been issued to the Customs' Commissioners prohibiting its export. Beg leave to export $\frac{1}{3}$ thereof, which is already packed and on board ships at Gravesend, ready for departure, or they will sustain heavy loss. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Dec. 11. **28.** Proposal by Step. Bolton to supply the Admiralty with 23 tons of Rogerpoore saltpetre at 3*l.* 10*s.* the cwt., the State paying the excise, and paying the 1,600*l.* cost at 100*l.* a week; or the State to buy it at cost price, or give him liberty to export it. [*Scrap.*]

Dec. 11. Proposal of Wm. Penoyer and Company, to supply 300 tons of Patena saltpetre at 4*l.* per cwt., the state paying excise, *viz.*: the 24,000*l.* to be paid by 1,500*l.* a week. Or for leave to ship 100 tons for Italy, giving security not to send it elsewhere, and to sell the remainder on the above terms, the payment to be 1,000*l.* weekly. Have

received 4*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* a ton ready money for part of what was shipped, which they must refund unless allowed to export it. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 11. Colchester Castle.

30. Nich. Roberts, keeper, to Scobell. According to my promise when at your house, I send an account of the Quakers in my custody. Pray acknowledge receipt of this. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

30. I. *List of Quakers in Colchester Castle :—*

Wm. Munck for disturbing Sam. Smith, minister of Sandon, in Divine service, 26 *May* 1657.

Wm. Allen as a disturber of peace, and refusing to find securities, 24 *June* 1658.

On pleas of trespass :—

Thos. Mountford - - -	31 *Oct.* 1657.
„ „ - - -	25 *Oct.* 1658.
Robt. Abbot - - - -	27 *Jan.* 1657–58.
John Adam - - -	25 *Aug.* 1658.

also on a plea of debt :

William and Bridget Ball -	16 „ „
Jas. Potter - - - -	17 *Nov.* „
John Claydon - - -	26 *Aug.* „
Ant. Page - - - -	27 *Oct.* „
Hen. Smith - - -	25 „ „

John Pollard and And. Smith were in custody, but are removed by habeas corpus *to London.* [2 *pages.*]

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31. Report by the Treasury Commissioners, on a reference of Council of 3 December, of a proposal from Lord Lambert to pay the second ½ purchase for a fee-farm-rent, late the Duke of Buckingham's. Last June, Martin Lister petitioned his late Highness that he, in trust for himself, John Baker, and Sir Jas. Harrington, whose interest is come to Step. Kirke, purchased the fee-farm-rent of Hatfield Chase, being 1,228*l.* 17*s.* a year, late the Duke of Buckingham's, and paid the first ½ of the purchase money; for the second ½, his late Highness ordered 4,001*l.* 5*s.* to be paid to Rich. Bringhurst, for the Duke's creditors, of which 3,000*l.* is paid, and the rest would be, but the conveyance could not be procured from the Trustees.

The case was referred to us, and after hearing all parties, it appears to us that in June 1653, Lister contracted for the said rent, to be paid for either in doubled bills or money; that in February 1653–54 it was ordered, in satisfaction of debts by the Duke of Buckingham and Lord Fras. Villiers to Lister and others, that if Lister brought in bills or debentures for 3,036*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, the Drury House Trustees should give him a doubled bill for 6,073*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* towards the first ½ of his purchase money, which was done, and the rest of the first ½ was paid by other doubled bills, and 120*l.* in ready money for interest. On 19 May 1654, his Highness ordered the payment of 4,001*l.* 5*s.* to Bringhurst and the creditors, on which the conveyance was to pass, and Lister says he has paid 2,700*l.* He was allowed the rents, but he did not ask for the conveyance till 5 years after the contract, and then the creditors opposed it, saying they had only received 1,000*l.*, being 3*s.* in the pound on their debts, which is probable, as Lister's agent owns receiving a far greater sum than has been paid to the creditors.

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The trustees refused to convey because last Parliament, an Act passed confirming some orders and annulling others, and that of 19 May 1654 was not confirmed. The petitions of the creditors and Lister were referred to us, but not prosecuted.

Lord Lambert's proposals being matters of favour, we submit them to you, but the bills he mentions ought to be applied to the purchase, in case Phil. Tandy were here to approve them. With note of order, 14 December. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

31. I. *Note that by the Act for sale of forfeited estates, payments are to be made in doubled bills or ready money; that Phil. Tandy, who is to give vouchers, as registrar accountant for receipt of the money or bills, is in Ireland, and therefore Lord Lambert, who has purchased a fee-farm of the Duke of Buckingham, and paid his first ½, is obstructed in payment of the second ½ by Tandy's absence, and cannot enjoy his purchase. He proposes that if he brings in the requisite number of bills, he may have a Privy Seal for the like sum, to be applied thereto.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. 13. Lidney.

32. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. This is to give you an account of the going on of the work here in the Forest of Dean. Accounting for the season of the year, and the hands therein employed, I have made as much improvement thereof as I could, having 14 shipwrights on the work, as few as I can possibly employ. The keel of the ship is laid, the post and stem up, the knee of the post bolted, and other works in progress. If you would order money for paying the poor workmen, the work would come off a great deal better. I do what I can in following them to their work from morning to night, and am never from them a quarter of an hour, except to ride into the Forest to look after business there, and down to the yard again.

Hitherto I have not had any place in the yard for shelter, but by advice of the Major, I am now making a house over the saw pit, which will also serve overhead as a storehouse for provisions. Pray consider the necessities of the poor men, who have neither money nor credit to buy themselves provisions, and it is almost as bad with me. I have waited with great patience for a change, but I know not when it will be; for during the last 20 weeks, I have received but 40*l.* for all business whatsoever, not above 2*l.* a week for paying 15*l.* a week, which is the least that we are at. I thought it not safe by longer delay in fruitless expectation to be silent, lest I should be guilty of breach of trust in not giving you notice of what I find prejudicial to the work in hand. I doubt not but you will find some way or other to remove the present obstruction. [1¼ *pages.*]

Dec. 13. Prize Office, Broad Street.

33. Jno. Sparrow to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have searched our books for the time when the Golden Falcon was taken, and on what account, and find she was taken in November 1652, and that the decree of the Admiralty Court, whereby she was ordered to be restored to Dan. Thyssen, is dated December 1656, and

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that she was taken by the ships in service of the State. I also find that the ship was delivered into the State's service in January 1652–53, by an order from the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, which order remains in the hands of the latter. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

33. I. *Examination of Dan. Thyssen before the Admiralty Commissioners. Is a Zealander, and lived in Camphier. Built the Golden Falcon on his own account in* 1648, *and traded with her till she was taken by English frigates in* 1651, *coming home from Malaga to Ostend. Went to reside in Ostend in* 1650, *and left there to live in London in* 1654. 2 *December* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

33. II. *Shorthand notes on the above.* [½ *page.*]

Dec. 14. **34.** Petition of the framework knitters to the Protector. The late Protector incorporated us under the Great Seal 13 June 1657, and by the power thus given us, we have made by-laws for our better government, and for preventing the transport of frames; but we cannot get them passed by the persons appointed by Act of Parliament of 19 Hen. VII., to our great prejudice, for many frames are made for exportation, and thus other nations will get our trade, make the goods worse, and sell them at under rates.

We beg that all such frames may be seized by the Customs' officers, and detained till our by-laws be passed. Also that you will recommend the by-laws, already perused by the Solicitor-General, to the persons appointed, that they may have speedy perusal. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

34. I. *Deposition before Wm. Glascock, master in Chancery, of John Croson, merchant tailor, and Jonathan Grammar, clothworker of London, that Mr. Burdina, an Italian merchant, has bespoken* 30 *or* 40 *frames for speedy export, at* 80*l. each, a high price, and several are already delivered, whose export will be very injurious.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. 14. Note of reference of the said petition by Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 16.]

Dec. 14. **35.** Petition of Thos. Stevenson of Whitby, master and mariner, to the Protector and Council. You referred my late petition and remonstrance, about my imprisonment by the Lords of the Admiralty of Flushing, and their adhering to the enemies, to the Admiralty Court. The Judges have taken depositions which fully prove what I set forth. My damage is 350*l.* I beg speedy relief, to prevent my family perishing. With note of reference to Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

35. I. *Report on the reference by the Admiralty Commissioners, that it appears by the examinations that the petitioner's ship and goods were surprized by a Dunkirk frigate, the Santa Maria, last June, and carried to Flushing, where he was kept prisoner on board the frigate several days, and then, by instigation of the captain, kept close prisoner in Flushing* 24 *hours, examined by the Lords, and sent under guard to Ostend, where he was forced to*

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pay 120*l.* *and* 13*l.* *charges to the Lords of Flushing before he could obtain his liberty. This being unjust, and contrary to the terms of amity with Holland, they think the State should see the poor man righted by reparation from Holland, or letters of marque. With note of order,* 21 *December* 1658. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

35. II., III. *Depositions of Rob. Church of Wapping, and two other mariners of Kent and Surrey, from which the above report was made,* 12 *November* 1658. [2 *copies,* 10 *pages each.*]

35. IV. *Letter thereon from Council to Lord Nieuport, Holland Ambassador in England, requesting his influence to obtain redress, these dealings being repugnant to the treaty between the States.* [$1\frac{1}{3}$ *pages. See* 23 *June* 1659.]

Dec. 14. **36.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Dec. 14. **37.** Report of the Admiralty Commissioners. We have considered the certificate of the Customs' Commissioners about saltpetre, and spoken with Pennoyer and other merchants interested, and find that there are 500 tons in town that could be had for the State, but it is held at such high rates, and with such precise days for payment, that the Commissioners cannot deal with them. The merchants wish to dispose of part of the petre beyond seas; some will give security to transport 100 tons to Italy; the rest is designed for Holland, but we submit it to his Highness and Council whether they will not use the whole proportion. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Dec. 14. **38.** Order in Council thereon that the Admiralty Commissioners contract for such quantity of the saltpetre as they can, and that the merchants have liberty to export the residue. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *pages; also I.* 84, *col.* 37.]

Dec. 14. **39.** Report by H. Symball and John Powell, on a Council order of 9 December, to examine 600 beds, rugs, &c., provided by Martin Noel for the forces in Flanders, that the quarter each made by Major Clement, Mr. Young, and Mr. Porter, weighed 12 lbs. the rug and 30 lbs. the bed and bolster, equal to the pattern, and that Mr. Williamson's rugs weighed a lb. less, but his bed, &c., a lb. more. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 14. Index entries of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Major Walter's petition touching damage by the (ship) Marston Moor referred, and letters of reprizal granted. [*Col.* 43.]

The rules of the Commissioners for marque and reprizal referred. [*Col.* 28.]

The Dutch Ambassador's memorial about Portugal prizes, and an answer thereto. [*Col.* 9.]

Lord Amb. Lockhart [licence to export] 3 stone horses. [*Col.* 25.]

A vessel to transport Edw. Hall to Dieppe. [*Col.* 20.]

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The Delinquents' Estates' Trustees not to adjourn their sitting (repeated). [*Col.* 9.]

The state of the case on John Warre's petition referred. [*Col.* 43.]

Augmentations to Boreham, Crawley, Felton and Shilbottle, Little Horstead, Shape, Strood, St. John's and Margaret's in Thanet; Town Manling, Wingham, and Westfield. [*Cols.* 4, 8, 16, 25, 37, 40, 43.]

Charles Brown's petition referred. [*Col.* 4.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 215–220.]

Dec. 14.
The Fagons, Elsinore Road.

40. Capt. Nich. Parker to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have had a long and tedious passage, through the easterly winds and storms, and was near losing the ship. On my arrival, finding Sir Philip Meadows had gone with the King towards Funen, I knew not what to do. I feared to leave my ship, and be my own messenger with your packet, so I sent an officer with a convoy to Sir Philip, and hope to hear from him in two or three days, when I will hasten to the place you appointed. The Swedes' ships are frozen up in Landscrona harbour, and the Hollanders in Copenhagen. The ice comes down out of the East Sea so very fast that I fear I shall be hard put to it to ride. [1 *page.*]

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The Guinea, Downs.

41. Capt. Jeffery Pearce to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have safely arrived with my convoy, and send Capt. Whitstone's copy book of letters and other papers, all in a great packet, sealed up in canvas. When I went on board Rear-Adm. Bourne to-day, he told me of your orders to him for the disposal of Capt. Whitstone; but when I was at Falmouth, Governor Fox and Capt. Whitstone so much urged and threatened me for detaining him, that having no positive orders to keep him on board as a prisoner, I let him go to London, where I hope he has arrived. My ship wants cleaning and victualling. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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The Richard, Downs.

42. Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Guinea has arrived, and her commander reports that on the earnest entreaty of Capt. Whitstone, and by the advice of Capt. Fox, he set him on shore at Falmouth, to go overland to London. I suppose he has waited upon you. I send Capt. Whitstone's book of letters and papers, as I received them from the commander of the Guinea. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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43. Report of the Commissioners to whom the case of Lazarus the Armenian was committed, that Dr. Walker's opinion thereon should be read in Council, and an order given that the Armenian be permitted to prove his case in the Admiralty Court, and that the judges and Walker should thereon state the case, and report. With note of an order. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

43. I. *Dr. W. Walker to Wm. Jessop, clerk of Council. According to Lord Desborow's direction, I have perused the paper of the Armenian, who came in person, with his interpreter, and said he had witnesses in town to make his proofs. I have endorsed my opinion on the paper.* 14 *December* 1658, *Doctors' Commons.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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43. II. *Lazarus, an Armenian, to Lord Desborow. For Christ's sake, consider the business of an afflicted stranger, not knowing the English tongue;* 16 *months since, Capt. Stoakes took my estate, and what I have suffered since, God only knows. The Council of State, of which you are a member, consulted the civilians on Capt. Stoakes's plea, that because I had been many years in the Spanish Indies, and there married, he thought me a subject of the King of Spain; but I can prove that I am a subject of the King of Persia, with whom this State is in amity, and my wife and* 3 *children are in pawn to a Persian, of whom I took the goods at* 20 *per cent. interest.*

The English nation has always been esteemed abroad for civility to strangers, but I have been hardly used, and Capt. Stoakes was very indiscreet to take my goods, the Armenians being free from surprizal through the world, and even freed by Turkish pirates. Pray put a period to this business, lest my wife and children be sold to the Turks. [1 *page.*]

43. III. *Dr. Walker to Desborow. This paper which you refer to me much alters the case from what it was stated when my opinion was asked before, grounded on Capt. Stoakes's statement that Lazaro was a subject of Spain.* [*See* 28 *September* 1658.] *If he can prove that he is an Armenian, and has not lived* 40 *days in Spanish territory, then his goods should be restored. I think that he should be admitted to prove his case in the Admiralty Court, or else that you should direct a judgment, that he may wait no longer.* [1 *page, holograph.*]

Dec. 16. Note of reference thereon by Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 1.]

Dec. 16. **44.** Petition of Edw. Carter, one of the Commissioners appointed by his late Highness according to the Act for regulating Buildings, to Council, for 100*l.*, as ordered to the other Commissioners, out of moneys collected on the Act, his name being omitted in the order. Has attended like the others, and done his duty, and before the Act was on foot, spent much time and expense to obtain it. [½ *page.*]

Dec. 16. Note of an order for 200*l.* to the receiver for new buildings. [*I.* 84, *col.* 3.]

Dec. 16. **45.** Report by Fleetwood, Strickland, Sydenham, and the Lord Chamberlain, on the petition of Gilbert Garne, of Tillisfrisky, Scotland—setting forth his sufferings by excommunication of the Church of Scotland, and 5 years' imprisonment by the General Assembly there, all owing to his deserting the Kirk of Scotland, because of their backslidings,—that on testimony of his sufferings, and necessities, and godliness, they think the Council of Scotland should be authorized, out of bishops' rents and other church rents, to pay him 500*l.* sterling; that they should find him some employment, and

that 20*l.* should be advanced him from contingencies for his expenses from and to Scotland, and his six months' attendance here, he not having, when he left Scotland, more than 45*s.* in the world. 7 December 1858. [1 *sheet.*]

Dec. 16. Note of order thereon in Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 18.]

Dec. 16. **46.** Request that Capt. [Rob.] Saunders, who is ordered by Council to be set at liberty on bail, may remain in confinement till his trial, which is intended very shortly, his crime being of so great consequence. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

[Dec. 16.] Note of a Council order for the suspension of his release. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 37.]

Dec. 16. Whitehall. **47.** Order in Council that the Commissioners of Customs and Excise certify speedily as to the $\frac{1}{2}$ customs of goods exported by Adam Jennings for the force in Flanders, and why the allowance warranted by the Act is denied (he having a large sum owing by the State for the said goods), that order may be taken for his relief. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

47. I. *Report thereon by the said Commissioners that the claim is for large quantities of deals, balks, spars, &c., imported and then shipped from Tower wharf to Mardike, by order of the Ordnance officers, the sum being* 10*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.* *The reason of the non-allowance has been the absence of proof of the payment of customs, &c., inward, and of their shipping for export; therefore the Commissioners would be unable to procure their own discharge on passing their accounts.* 11 *January* 1658–59. [1 *page.*]

48. Like order that the Admiralty Commissioners appoint a fit vessel to transport to Dunkirk the beds, &c., now provided for the use of the forces there. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

49. Like order that the said Commissioners appoint a fit vessel to transport from Dieppe to Rye, or Dover, Edward, eldest son of Sir Edw. Hales, who with his retinue will be at Dieppe 21 December. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

50. Like order that the said Commissioners provide vessels to transport to Flanders, for the garrisons there, 400 of the 500 soldiers ordered, the other 100 to be made up by so many left there of Cols. Salmon and Guibon's regiments. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

[Dec. 16.] Index entries of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Declaration of the appointment of a fast. [*Col.* 16.]

Col. Biscoe's paper about the pay of his regiment referred. [*Col.* 4.]

The establishment of Dunkirk reported. [*Col.* 9–14.]

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The foot regiments in the army reduced to 750 How to pay their arrears. [*Col.* 1.]

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A vessel to be appointed to carry beds to Dunkirk; Mr. Symball and Powell to cause them to be put on board: their payment to be settled; candles to be provided. [*Cols.* 9, 10.]

500 foot to be sent to Flanders. [*Col.* 16.]

Lord Ambassador Lockhart to cause duplicates of the muster rolls to be sent over to Flanders. [*Col.* 16, 25.]

To cause rules to be made for the election of the magistrates at Dunkirk, and hay to be brought for the horses there. [*Col.* 10.]

Biscuits and cheese for 2 months to be sent thither, and kept in store. [*Col.* 10.]

Also to make agreement with Nieuport and Ostend about freedom of fishing. [*Cols.* 29, 31.]

The horses dying in Flanders to be supplied, and the bills of exchange for provisions to be paid. [*Col.* 16.]

1*d.* per day abated out of foot soldiers' pay to be employed in buying clothes. [*Col.* 16.]

Mr. Jessop to prepare a state of his account for the business of Flanders. [*Col.* 22.]

Mr. Ashurst to perfect his account. [*Col.* 1.]

Reference of the money paid Lord Ambassador Lockhart on his entertainment. [*Col.* 25.]

A memorial to the Dutch ambassador touching 3 ships.

Letter to be written to Mr. Downing, with copies of papers about the ships. [*Col.* 10.]

Mr. Lockyer and Mr. Sterry's salaries, how paid. [*Cols.* 25, 37.]

Sir John Twistleton added to the Committee for ejection [of scandalous Ministers] in Kent. [*Col.* 40.]

Pat. Hayes about Hamburg; report to be made. [*Col.* 20.]

Major Rob. Colet's proposals referred.

Phil. Carteret's petition to be considered. [*Col.* 8.]

Prize tobacco owing by Mr. Wainwright, &c. [*Col.* 32.]

Bishop's Hill severed from Over Poppleton (co. York). [*Cols.* 4, 31.]

Bedall severed from East Brumpton (co. York). [*Cols.* 4, 14.]

Berwick Basset severed from Colne, and united with Winterbourne Monckton (co. Dorset). [*Cols.* 4, 43.]

Leominster severed from Stoke Power (co. Hereford). [*Cols.* 25, 37.]

Puckle Church severed from Westerleigh (co. Gloucester.) [*Cols.* 32, 43.]

Rosse severed from Weston. [*Cols.* 35, 43.]

Bawderswell united to Foxley (co. Norfolk). [*Cols.* 4, 16.]

Gannerew united to Whitchurch. [*Cols.* 18, 43.]

Gunton united to Lowestoft (co. Suffolk). [*Cols.* 18, 25.]

Kirkeley united to Pakefield. [*Cols.* 24, 32.]

Kimberley united to Carleton (co. Norfolk). [*Cols.* 24, 8.]

Paul's, Malmsbury, united to Westport (co. Wilts). [*Cols.* 28, 43.]

Remerston united to Thuxton (co. Norfolk). [*Cols.* 35, 40.]

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The Committee on the union of parishes to report. [*Col.* 42.]

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Cols. Salmon and Guibon's companies at Mardike sent back to Flanders. [*Cols.* 18, 37.]

5 supernumerary companies called in. [*Col.* 16.]

The Dutch ambassador's complaint of Dutch ships taken by Capt. Stoakes's fleet. A letter to the Captain thereon referred. [*Cols.* 10, 37.]

Paper to the ambassador about the Dutch ship Santa Maria, taken by Capt. Stoakes's fleet, referred. [*Col.* 10.]

The Dutch ambassador's complaint concerning Capt. Greene. [*Col.* 10.]

Letter to seize him; case referred to the Admiralty. [*Col.* 18.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 221–237.]

Dec. $\frac{16}{26}$. Amsterdam. Liet.-Gen. Middleton to Sec. Nicholas. I hope the enclosed will satisfy the King, but I must express my many obligations to you, and my good wishes for your health. Since my being here, many things have fallen out from which some good to the King might have been expected, and though these hopes be darkened by the treaty proposed between Denmark and Sweden, yet it is thought this will rather tend to war than peace. Endorsed [by Nicholas] my son, L. G. Middleton. [2 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*) *Enclosing,*

Lieut.-Gen. John Middleton to Sec. Nicholas. I have yours of $\frac{9}{19}$ *December (see p.* 212, *supra), and am sensible of the King's gracious proceedings with me. I would be a corporal in the Scots' regiment if that would contribute to his service, but as he is little concerned therein, I lay down my commission, but hope the officers in that regiment will be considered before others.* $\frac{16}{26}$ *December, Amsterdam. Endorsed by Nicholas, "Lays down his commission of colonel of the Scots regiment."* [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Dec. $\frac{17}{27}$. Antwerp. Thomas, Lord Wentworth to [Sec. Nicholas]. My wife's voyage has been prevented by the frost, so I could not come to Brussels. What judgment do you make on the calling of this Parliament in England? It looks as if we might hope for divisions and distraction amongst themselves, but if Cromwell can master them or rule them, we shall be much the worse for it. [1 *page, Fanders correspondence.*]

Dec. $\frac{17}{27}$ Antwerp. John Questell to [Sec. Nicholas]. I find you have delivered Miller's letter to the right owner. I send one to Mr. Neldam enclosed to Mr. Ravenscroft, who is trusty and deserves favour. The writs are issuing for a Parliament on the 27th of next month. Some say that most of the English fleet going to the Sound are returning home. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Dec. 17. **51.** Petition of the governors of Windsor Castle Almshouses to the Protector. By the late Act, certain rectories and tithes were settled on us for charitable uses, and the surplus over 1,086*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

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was to be disposed of by his Highness and Council. His late Highness gave 200*l.* a year therefrom to the Committee for approbation of Preachers, yet Mr. Evans, vicar and lecturer at Windsor, has only 60*l.* a year, and it is a great and very dear market town of 2,000 people, many very poor, and St. George's Chapel and the poor knights' houses need constant repair. Also many places whence the revenue arises are destitute of ministers, for want of a competent maintenance. We beg therefore for allowance for the said repairs, and for the vicar, who must else leave the place, to the great grief of the people, and for augmentations to the ministers of the places whence the revenue proceeds. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

51. I. *Statement of the clear revenue for* 1569, 1,500*l. of which a surplus of* 213*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. is unassigned, after* 200*l. is given to the Commissioners for Preachers. Also account of the disposal of the* 1,086*l.* 13*s.* 4*d. granted for pious uses. The repairs of the chapel houses, &c., have cost more than the* 65*l. allowed for them, and there is still much that needs to be done.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. 17. Note of reference in Council of the said petition. [*I.* 84, *col.* 43.]

[Dec. 17.] Index entries of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

John Bell stayed from going to serve the Dutch. [*Col.* 4.]

Declaration prohibiting commissions of marque from foreign states. [*Cols.* 10, 28.]

Declaration against the English serving foreign states. [*Col.* 10.]

Also against English mariners being in the Dutch service. [*Cols.* 10, 27.]

Marine treaty with the Dutch. [*Cols.* 10, 14.]

The allowances of ambassadors and public ministers referred. [*Cols.* 1, 27.]

Dr. Ward's augmentation referred.

James' house cleared for her Highness [the widow of Cromwell]. [*Col.* 22.]

The Lord Protector to have his wine duty free. [*Col.* 32.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 237–239.]

Dec. 17. **52.** Warrant by Thos. Pepys and Fras. Blake, justices of peace, to the constables and churchwardens of Paul's parish, Covent Garden, by virtue of the Act of 17 Sept. 1656, for discovering Recusants, &c., to deliver in, on Monday next, the names and addresses of all above 16 years of age suspected to be Popishly affected in that parish, on pain of forfeiture of 10*l.* in case of neglect or refusal. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Dec. $\frac{17}{27}$. Paris. **53.** M. Sourecau to Lord Conway, London. At Mr. Wayste's request, I send you specimens of stuffs and buttons. Have you settled with Wayste? Business affairs. [2 *pages, French.*]

Dec. 18. Centurion, Harwich Water. **54.** Capt. Jonas Poole to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have been hitherto detained by contrary winds, but am now preparing to sail this flood. While rigging the ship, some of the company stole some ropes while it was dark; having advised with Messrs.

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Browne and Grassingham, I have held a court-martial on board, and enclose the paper. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

54. I.—III. *Examinations of Jasper Williams, Samuel Austin, and Thos. Norris. Meeting together at the Cock and Pie in Harwich, Williams asked Austin if he would stay on shore that night, and on his replying he had no money, Williams said he had laid by some ropes on board the Centurion, and if he would help to fetch them, they would sell them, and raise some money. Thereupon they all went to the ship in a boat, and took several pieces of rope and tackle, which they carried on shore, and Williams, with the aid of Roger Spry, sold them to Edw. Brassington, a ferryman of Harwich, for* 25*s., which they divided between them. Dec.* 10, 1658. [½ *page.*]

54. IV. *Resolution of a Court martial held on board the Centurion, by Capt. Jonas Poole, commander, and* 8 *other officers, that Williams, being convicted of stealing the ship's tackling, and instigating Austin and Norris therein, forfeit all wages due to him, receive* 30 *lashes, soundly laid on his bare back with a whip in a boat by the ship's side, and in public view, and then be cashiered without a ticket; and that Austin and Norris receive* 10 *lashes each at the capstan, and remain on board.* 17 *Dec.* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

54. V. *Resolution by the same, that Edw. Brassington, having been convicted of receiving the above goods, pay* 50*s., double the value thereof, according to the* 28*th article of war, and give a bond in* 500*l. for his future honesty.* 17 *Dec.* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

54. VI. *and* VII. *Bonds by Edw. Brassington for payment of* 2*l.* 10*s. to the Admiralty Commissioners within one month, as also in* 500*l. for his future honesty.* 17 *Dec.* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 21. **55.** Petition of John Evanson of Shrewsbury to the Protector. In the insurrection of March 1655, the judges were seized upon at Salisbury assizes, and the same design was carrying on in several parts of England. On information that Sir Thos. Harris, living 5 miles from Shrewsbury, was ready to head a party of horse and foot, I and others were sent to apprehend him. We found him with 20 others in arms, 20 horse with saddles fitted for holsters, 14 cases of pistols, and a barrel of gunpowder, and after some opposition, we seized him and 7 others—the rest escaping through by-ways—and brought them to Shrewsbury, whence he was sent to London, and committed to the Tower.

His estate being sequestered by the Commissioners for securing the peace, I was entrusted with the management of it; but after 2 years, he obtained leave to return home, and now he distrains his tenants for the money received by me. I beg a speedy course for their relief and indemnity. With note of order 23 Dec. [1 *sheet.*]

[Dec. 21.] Note of reference thereon in Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 14.]

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Dec. 21. **56.** Report by Desborow and Wolsley, on the petition of Rich. Hill [*see* 6 *May* 1658] that the 478*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* which he claims should be allowed out of his own discoveries of concealed estates. With note of order. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

59. I. *Certificate by Wm. Hobson, surviving Treasurer for sale of Dean and Chapter lands, and Wm. Benson, registrar thereof, to a Committee of Council, to the reality of the debt, and that it ought to have been paid out of Dean and Chapter lands.* 19 *July* 1658. [1 *sheet.*]

Dec. 21. Note of order on his petition about his warrants on the excise. [*I.* 84, *col.* 20.]

Dec. 21. **57.** Order in Council. Mr. Secretary reports from the Committee on the petition and accounts of Rich. Bradshaw, resident in Hamburg, the state of his account,—that being ordered to buy quantities of powder and masts at Hamburg, he employed David Heckstetter, a merchant there, who bought a great proportion, for which moneys were paid by the late Commissioners of Customs and Navy Treasurer, in respect whereof 17,503*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* is charged on him by the Auditors of Imprest, besides which he received 440*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* for a ship's lading of masts sent in July 1656, raising the total to 17,944*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*; for which powder and masts (beside what was sold again at Hamburg), he paid 14,177*l.* and 306*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*, charges of the Elizabeth frigate at Hamburg, total 14,483 7*s.* 4*d.*, so that he has 3,461*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* in hand, for which, and for other sums received from Council's contingencies, he presented a distinct account;—order that the Admiralty Commissioners and Ordnance officers examine Bradshaw's accounts, and those of Heckstetter, as to rates and charges, sign his bills, and discharge him from the entire account paid. As to the residue, the clerks of Council are to examine his accounts and vouchers, and draw up the case for further order. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 21. **58.** Order in Council that the articles exhibited against Capt. Thos. Whitstone, commander of the Fairfax, by his commander-in-chief, John Stoakes, be transmitted to the Admiralty Commissioners, to proceed thereon with all speed. [½ *page.*]

59. Like order that—whereas on 14 Dec. the Admiralty Commissioners were to contract for such quantities of saltpetre as they needed, that the merchants might have liberty to export the residue, and whereas the merchants wish to contract with the said Commissioners for ½ what they have in hand, being 150 tons,—on their perfecting the said contract, they have leave to export the other ½, and the Customs' Commissioners are to permit the same. [1 *page.*]

[Dec. 21.] Index notes of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Grant to Mrs. Mackworth of a pension of 160*l.* a year [*Col.* 28.]

Hull manor house; 60*l.* a year. [*Col.* 20.]

Order for the issuing of assessments. [*Col.* 1.]

Establishment for Mardike and Flanders. *Cols.* 14, 16.]

Col. John Fothergill to receive the extraordinary tax in Suffolk in Weeks's hand, and Mr. Weeks to pay the same to him. [*Cols.* 16, 28, 43.]

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Report on the government of Turtuga. Deschamps made governor. [*Cols.* 10, 40.]

Berkshire House rent. [*Col.* 4.]

Lieut.-Col. Lagoe, rent for 4 houses. [*Col.* 25.]

The governor of Jersey's appeal touching wool. [*Col.* 22.]

Covent Garden officers abused by the Venetian agent. [*Cols.* 8, 42.]

Reference on Nich. Osborne's Mardike debt [*Col.* 31.]

Paper to the Dutch Ambassador about Stevenson. [*Col.* 10.]

Letters to abolish Christmas, and prevent [the use of the book of] Commom Prayer. [*Col.* 8.]

Opera at the Cockpit referred. [*Col.* 31.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 241–255.]

Dec. $\frac{21}{31}$. ——— to Sir Rich. Browne, Resident for Charles II., Paris. There is to be a Parliament in January, which is likely to be composed of more moderate and worthy persons than they have lately been, because it is hoped the elections will be free. Your master should obtain the intercessions of France, Holland, Denmark, Brandenburg, and others, for an amicable composure of affairs, with offers of reciprocal security of all interests. If this succeed not, *actum est.* This is not mere private advice. I write for others. Own the receipt of it by the effects. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Dec. 21. **60.** Account of the proceeding to the funeral of Francis, Baron Brook, of Beauchamp Court, co. Warwick, from Warwick Castle to the great church, being a list of the procession, with the banners, &c.—Robert, Lord Brook, his brother, chief mourner. [$2\frac{1}{3}$ *pages.*]

[Dec. 21.] **61.** Note of the proclamation of his style to be made. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*]

Dec. 22. **62.** Order in the Committee on John Warre's petition, that—as the order of 8 June 1658 cannot be carried out, because the contracts made for rents and lands cannot be vouched in Phil. Tandy's absence,—there should be a Privy Seal, as ordered in Lord Lambert's case, for payment of the whole doubled sum, 2,301*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*, to be applied only to the moneys due on the said contracts, and that the respective treasurers cancel the Public Faith bills and debentures, when allowed by Benson and Greene, the other two registrar accountants. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*]

Dec. 22. **63.** Certificate by Em. Downing, clerk of the Council in Scotland, that Wm. Geering, messenger of the Privy Council, has delivered to the Council in Scotland an order of the Council in England of 14 December, for sending to the Council in Scotland the writs for election of members of Parliament for Scotland, with 30 writs under the Great Seal for the said elections, and 3 writs of summons for Lord Monk, David Earl of Cassilis, and Lord Johnston, as mentioned in a particular signed by Hen. Scobell, clerk of the Council in England. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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Dec. 22. **64.** Note of execution by Judge-Advocate Walker of mandates, that all interested in the Santa Maria and her lading, seized by the Fairfax, a frigate in the service, under Capt. John Stoakes, show cause why she should not be adjudged a prize, and sold, on an order of the Admiralty Commissioners of 11 December and of Council of 16 December, and a letter from Capt. Stoakes at Toulon of 23 November, with a paper of his reasons for detaining the ship and unlading the goods at Toulon, and a paper of the advice of a council-of-war held 18 November, proving that the worm had got into the hides, and they would soon have been spoiled, and therefore he had them inventoried, appraised, and sold to their full value; but the agent of Phil. Van Hulten and Co., to whom the ship belongs, requests a hearing before further proceedings, and Jas. Stainer, their London correspondent, offered security for the value of the ship and hides, to be paid on delivery thereof at Toulon; the case to be heard in the Admiralty Court to-morrow, Stainer to be present. [5½ *pages.*]

Dec. 23. **65.** Petition of Major Geo. Walters and partners, English subjects, to Council. Our ship, John Baptista, by a reference from his late Highness to the Admiralty Commissioners, had a pass from Holland to the Barbadoes, where she was surprized and seized by Capt. Mings, in the Marston Moor frigate, and carried to Jamaica. We have recovered her by an Admiralty court sentence, but by long lying in Jamaica, she cannot return to Europe without new sails, cables, and men; therefore we have bought in Holland the George of Bantry, Ireland, to send with provisions to fetch her home. We begged a pass for this ship, and some recompense for our losses by unjust seizure, but the Admiralty Commissioners required your further order for a pass, which we request. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 23. **66.** Order in Council, referring the case to the Admiralty Commissioners, to act as they judge meet. [1 *page; also I.* 84, *col.* 43.]

[Dec. 23.] **67.** Petition of Hen. Symball to Privy Council, repeating that of 9 December 1658, adding that Privy Seal letters were thereupon issued for payment; but Mr. Sherwin, secretary to the Treasury Commissioners, says that by a warrant dormant, he can pay no money for Flanders without special order from the Mardike Committee. Begs immediate payment, his whole estate being involved in the case. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 23. **68.** Like petition, begging that the order for the money may be upon the ⅛ of the first moneys coming in on new buildings, or some other special moneys, or it will not be paid. With note of its reading in Council. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 23. Cowes Castle, Isle of Wight. **69.** Sam. Bull to President Lawrence. On Council's letter of 18 December, I have stayed in this harbour the Hope of Henlopen in Friezland, taken by Capt. Hen. Green near here, on pretence of a Portugal commission. There was then on board 80½ tuns of Bordeaux wine, but now only 64. To prevent further embezzlement, I have caused the hatches to be nailed and sealed. I put 2 soldiers on board, till the pleasure of his Highness and Council be

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known. I have also stayed Capt. Green's small man-of-war. With note of order for restoration of the Hope of Henlopen, 28 December. [1 *page*; *also Index, I.* 84, *cols.* 18, 20.]

[Dec. 23.] [Index notes of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Letter of Nich. Clement, mayor of Southampton, about Capt. Green. [*Col.* 8.]

Gen. Monk's letter touching incidental charges, read. [*Col.* 28.]

Letter on behalf of Lord Barnwell. [*Col.* 4.]

Major Henshaw's confession reported; 1*s.* a day allowed him [*Col.* 20.]

M. Kilman, envoy from the Duke of Holstein, to transport 100 barrels of powder. [*Col.* 24.]

The petition of the masters of shipping trading to Newcastle referred. [*Col.* 29.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 258–260.]

Dec. 23. Toulon. **70.** Deposition of Jno. Hur, a Dane, carpenter of the Holy Mary, taken at sea, before three merchants and the public notary of Toulon. Is 30 years of age, joined the ship, which was commanded by a Spaniard, at Amsterdam in June 1657, and went to the Canaries. Meeting with 2 English frigates on the coast of Portugal, and the Spanish captain being afraid of being taken, he concealed himself, and put John Valien, a Hamburgher, in his place, so as to evade confiscation, and so they pursued their voyage to St. Cruz, where he took in 18 Spaniards to conduct the ship to St. Domingo. There the ship was repaired and fitted, and the captain publicly declared that she belonged to him and other Spanish merchants, and she carried Spanish goods, and hoisted Spanish colours, on her return voyage to Cadiz. About 10 leagues from the Straits, they were met by a fleet of French ships from Newfoundland, when the Spanish captain put all the papers and Spanish flags into a bag, and flung them into the sea, and then went to Sabletor Road, on the coast of Spain, when he, with his pilot and Jno. Moulard, took horse, and rode to Cadiz, where they stayed 6 days, and then sent Moulard back to conduct the ship nearer to Cadiz, that he might discharge a parcel of hides into a boat, which was made ready for that purpose, so as to avoid payment of the duties and customs, but the foul weather obliged them to return to Sabletor Road; there the Fairfax, commanded by Capt. Robt. Estre, an Englishman, was taken, and brought into Toulon, where she is at present. [5 *pages.*]

Dec. 24. Chatham. **71.** Commissioner Peter Pett and Capt. Jno. Taylor to the Admiralty Commissioners. We wrote to Mr. Hayward for all such accounts of the chest as have been perfected for some years past, that we might be the better enabled to present the whole business to you, that some course might be taken for such a settlement as that you might have full satisfaction in the disposal of the State and poor men's money, and they have cause to bless God for your care in ordering quarterly payments. We enclose his answer, and what he proposes for payment of his debt.

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The account for the 8,000*l.* imprest on us is made up, and we would willingly beg the favour of having our bills in before we engage any further in a business so hazardous to our own estates (in case we should die) and so clamorous in reference to the poor. If any can be found who will act with more diligence and for less encouragement than we have done, we shall easily be persuaded to part with so much trouble; but if you continue it upon us, and afford it such a settlement as we may have encouragement suitable to the pains that the management of such a business requires, you shall find it performed with as much advantage to his Highness and the poor men as any other accounts are. We beg that whatsoever channel this trust may run in for the future, care may be taken for the payment of arrears in some convenient time. [1¼ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

71. I. *E. Hayward to Commissioner Peter Pett and Capt. John Taylor, master shipwright, Chatham New Dock. If I had my enlargement, I would soon procure the transcribing of such accounts as you want, which of late years have been omitted, in respect of my great employment as clerk of the survey in the time of the Dutch wars and since. You little know what sad hardships I have endured since I was commanded on board the ships, and to how many distempers I have been subject, to the hazard of my life, which I am apt to believe you might have prevented. If my confinement should be much longer, my weak body cannot undergo it at this season of the year, and what all this will signify towards the payment of my debt, I know not.*

If you will extend so much Christian compassion as to mediate with the Admiralty Commissioners for my liberty, there is a friend in London who will lay down 500l. on that account, and if my interest in Bartholomew's Hospital may be accepted towards the rest of my debt, I hereby promise that what remains due from me shall be paid at Midsummer next, although I sell my goods to do it. If I die before this can be done, then you will be at loss, contrary to my intentions, and my dear relations will have cause to say that I met with such hard measure from the hands of men as to occasion my death. The Richard, Downs, 13 *Dec.* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

Dec. 24. / Jan. 3. P[ercy] Ch[urch] to [Sec. Nicholas]. I am sure the King will be satisfied with Mr. Johnson's fidelity, and I shall have the comfort of being instrumental to *divert him from treating with others* which he *had done, not knowing the intrigues of our several courts.*

If young Cromwell and the army believe that Parliament will ever decide anything to either of their advantages, they may be deceived by a third expedient, and that is a Commonwealth, which I apprehend as most dangerous, and not to be diverted but by some important division. * * * * *

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My friend can tell you how Dr. Fraser behaves in England, and Giles Rawlins can do the same by Lord Maynard, and perhaps for Col. Tuke, from good instructions. It is said that Sir Kenelm Digby and Mr. Blacklow are at Frankfort, writing a book against the Jesuits and Jansenists, but not the Pope. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

Dec. 24. Whitehall. **72.** The Protector to the Master, President, and Fellows of St. Peter's College, Cambridge. We have seen his [late] Highness's letter to you of 21 June 1658, recommending Jos. Seaman, B.A. of your college, to Mr. Moning's fellowship, which has been void 14 years. The president of the college received the letter 26 June, and for his part obeyed. Hearing from a member of our Privy Council that Seaman has the fellowship, as there is no visitor for the college, and his place during vacancy can only be supplied by the chief magistrate, we declared Seaman admitted by ourselves as visitor, and ordered the master to admit him, but he is obstructed by some of the fellows.

We therefore declare our pleasure that he be a perpetual fellow, from the time of the delivery of the former letter. This order needs no dispensation, but as some of the fellows desire it, we grant it, and dispense with any statute to the contrary. We wish this and the former letters to be registered, and forbearance of further opposition. [1 *page.*]

Dec. 25. Axe Yard. **73.** Rich. Bradshaw to Robt. Blackborne. I send you the order of Council to admit the merchants' accounts as it was desired by the Commissioners for their discharge, and request you will draw up an order for 10,598*l.* for the powder as we cast it up, and as it will again appear by the merchants' own accounts. If you again peruse them, you will find them to agree with the enclosed note drawn up by myself. As I have another account depending before Council, which cannot be proceeded in until it appears to their lordships how much of the charge given in by the auditor and myself will be extinguished by the merchants' accounts, in order that the rest may be discharged by a Privy Seal, having been paid out by the Council's order, I request the Commissioners to afford their dispatch in this, that I may have time to issue my other account, for my full discharge from the Exchequer, before the sitting of the approaching Parliament. I acquainted one of the Commissioners yesterday with the Council's order, and he promised I should be dispatched. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

73. I. *Account by the same of powder and masts purchased for the State, amounting to* 14,500*l.*, *and on which a balance of* 10,598*l. remains due.* [½ *page.*]

Dec. 28. **74.** Petition of Capt. Rich. Mill, Jas. Street, Israel Reynolds, and Hen. Geange, to the Protector. At great cost and labour, we have invented an engine by which the waste of silk throwsters is converted into merchantable silk.

Also an engine to spin the said silk, at which many women and children may work at once, drawing out the threads with both

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hands, a boy or girl turning the wheel for 20 or 30 of them, at which engine children of 9 or 10 may work and soon earn good wages, and the engine will employ many hundreds of poor who now beg their bread.

The Dutch now buy up this waste silk at 1*s.* 6*d.* or 2*s.* the lb., and bring it back worth 16*s.* to 20*s.*, and that we can do the same, the enclosed patterns will prove. We beg a patent therefor, according to the Act of 21 James, paying one-twelfth of the profits. With reference, 24 December 1658, to Whalley, Goffe, and Cooper, to enquire of the advance of trade by this engine. Their report that it will prejudice none, be profitable to the nation, and set many poor children to work, and further reference 26 December to Privy Council. With note, 14 December, of their reference 28 December, to a committee, and of an order 30 December, endorsed, "To be laid before his Highness when he is present in Council, being by his Highness's direction. [1½ *pages.*]

74. I. *Report by Mr. Secretary, Wolsley, and Mr. Comptroller, in favour of a patent for* 14 *years.* [*Scrap.*]

Dec. 28. **75.** Order in Council referring to the Admiralty Commissioners a request on behalf of Josias Goddard, 2 years prisoner in the Groyne, Spain, that Martin Brice, Irish prisoner in Plymouth, may be exchanged with him for his redemption. [½ *page, I.* 84, *col.* 13.]

76. Like order—on petition of George Rivett, and other merchants of London, complaining of their losses by Capt. Welsh and his consorts, one of whom lately met the St. Peter of Dantzic, on her way to London, laden with corn and hemp for Englishmen, and chased her into Harwich; the pirates remain on purpose to intercept her when she comes forth, and having not only Swedish, but Spanish and other commissions, they intend the surprizal of many East country ships now expected, laden with hemp and other materials for the navy;—that the Admiralty Commissioners secure the St. Peter's passage to London, and instruct the commanders of ships now at sea in convenient stations to seize Capt. Welsh, his consorts and their ships, and detain and secure them till further order. [1¼ *pages, I.* 84, *cols.* 35, 37.]

[Dec. 28.] Index notes of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Augmentations to Greenwich, Kingsbridge, and Shalstreet. [*Cols.* 18, 24, 37.]

The petition of the warden and assistants of Dover harbour referred. [*Col.* 10.]

80*l.* to Frances Wall, widow. [*Col.* 43.]

Pass for Wm. Edwards, consul, to Aleppo. [*Col.* 14.]

Capt. Green's prize to be restored.

The assay masters to attend on Thos. Lock's petition. [*Col.* 25.]

Lord Fitzwilliam's letter and papers referred. [*Col.* 16.]

Welsh's ships and consorts to be seized; several orders and letters concerning him. [*Col.* 44.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 261–264.]

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Dec. 28. **77.** Order by the Committee for the affairs of Mardike, that the Ordnance officers consider how they can supply what is required, and bring an account thereof, and of what has been sent to Mardike and Dunkirk, since they were in his Highness's hands, and attend the Commissioners on the 30th. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

77. I. *Report of the Ordnance officers, that the stores required by Capt. John Smith, storekeeper at Dunkirk, come to* 2,481*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*, *of which portions specified are in the stores, but not the whole. The office owes* 7,926*l.* 17*s. for provisions for Flanders, bought* 15 *months since for ready money, with which the Admiralty Commissioners will not meddle. They beg* 4,000*l. for the most necessitous persons, and the rest may run on the ordinary course of payment by the Navy Treasurer. Ordnance Office,* 30 *December* 1658. [2 *pages.*]

Dec. 28. **78.** Report by the Admiralty Commissioners, that Step. Bolton has tendered to them 23 tons of Rogerpoore saltpetre; but as it is much worse than they usually contract for, they advise that he be allowed to export it. With note that an order was made in Council, 4 January 1658–9. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Dec. 29. The Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay. **79.** Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. Since my departure from England, I have only given accounts in haste to Mr. Secretary, the time and weather not permitting to write to you, but I question not but those arrived here have given you particulars of our disappointments, and of being hurried to and again by the foul weather.

On the 15th instant, when near the Scaw, seeing no probability of getting into the Sound, it was resolved to return; but that night a storm of wind arose, and the officers of the Bridgwater, not understanding our motion, ran on board this ship, and broke down part of our poop and some of the carved work of the galleries, with two of the lanterns, killed a man, and carried our pinnace from the stern. By this he carried away his own bowsprit and foremast, which afterwards occasioned the loss of his mainmast. Through mercy, by what he had of his own, and the assistance of Capt. Gilpin, whom I left to wait upon him, he arrived here before me. On my coming in, I sent him for the Thames or Chatham, and with him the Ruby, which has sprung her mainmast and bowsprit in the late foul weather. I shall send the Preston also, who in the same storm lost masts and yard, and broke her head by the falling of her bowsprit.

As to more particular damages, we having been hurried to and again on our own coast and the coast of Holland, divers ships have lost anchors and cables; notwithstanding, God has been so pleased to order it that all the ships, as far as I can understand, are arrived upon our coast, which I take to be a signal mercy, considering the exceeding nearness some of them have been to destruction. If it is not found expedient for us to proceed upon the

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former intended design, I desire to know how we are to dispose of the pilots entertained for that end. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

79. I. *Account by the same of the defects and wants of* 12 *ships named.* [1 *page.*]

Dec. 29. The Convert, Burlington Bay. **80.** Capt. Rowl. Bevans to the Admiralty Commissioners. I sailed from Gravesend for the coast of Holland on the 17th instant, but dared not adventure upon it, although close by, until the 24th, by reason of the thick weather. Then I saw Mr. Jasper safely into Goree, where I left him.

On the 25th I met a ship from Dantzic, having an English merchant on board, who informed me that they were at Copenhagen on the 14th inst., and that the Swedish forces were in good condition, which was manifested by their daily assaults upon the town, to the disadvantage of the Danes, amongst whom there is a great mortality, occasioned through the pestilence and famine which much afflicted that city, and that the Holland fleet was not exempted from its fury, being all hauled into Copenhagen. In the last engagement between the Swede and Dutch navy, the Swedes lost 14 ships, 3 of which were taken, and the rest sunk, the Dutch only losing the De Witt and another vessel, but they have received much damage other ways, in respect of their masts and other appurtenances.

As for those of the Swedish force which remained after the engagement, there are 16 or 17 sail, besides several Dutch prizes in Landscrona, who, after some reparation of their former damage, are intended for the sea again, besides 23 others at Gottenburg. On the 13th inst., the Fagon arrived in the Sound, which was much infested with ice; on the 19th they had sight of an English frigate on the Reife, which had lost her foremast, bowsprit, and head; and on the 21st they had sight of the Vice-Admiral, with 7 sail, near the Dogger Sand. As for the Brandenburg forces, the report passes current at Copenhagen that they are already routed by the Swede. [1 *page.*]

[Dec. 30.] **81.** Petition of the inhabitants of Stowe on the Wold, co. Gloucester, to the Protector. Ours is a populous market town, with only one church; but the tower steeple, which, by its height, is a landmark and guide to travellers in an open country, is ruinous and ready to fall, so that attendance on worship is hazardous. The repair would cost 1,000*l.*, which we are unable to pay. We beg a patent for a collection in London, Westminster, and Southwark, and in cos. Middlesex, Gloucester, Oxford, and Worcester. With reference thereon, 16 December 1658, to Privy Council, to be moved when his Highness is present. Signed by Geo. Wainwright and Ant. Crosse, churchwardens. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

81. I. *Certificate by John Stephens and* 9 *other justices of peace of co. Gloucester to the truth of the petition.* [1 *sheet, parchment.*]

Dec. 30. Note of a Council order that the petition was denied. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 37.]

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Dec. 30. **82.** Note of a proposed order [in Council] that Sir Griffith Williams, Bart., Sir John Carter, and Rich. Griffith be added to the committee about the Dutch ship in Anglesea, and that, as the commodity is not perishable, and customs and excise ought to be paid, they cause it to be secured in the hands of the Vice-Admiral or otherwise, till further order, and that they speedily certify Council what they find on examination. Addressed to Lord Phil. Jones. [¾ *page, draft.*]

Dec. 30. **83.** Order in Council—on statement by [Sec. Thurloe] that divers of Vice-Adm. Goodson's ships are thrown by violent weather on the coast of Suffolk, and several have lost their masts in the difficult voyage towards the Sound—that such as are defective come into harbour to be refitted, and that the rest be commanded to the Downs. [1 *page, I.* 84, *col.* 16.]

[Dec. 30.] Index notes of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Petition of the merchants and planters of Christopher's referred. [*Col.* 8]

Articles against Clement Everard referred. [*Col.* 14.]

Dutch Ambassador's memorial concerning fly-boats wrecked, and touching printed papers. [*Col.* 10.]

Major Harlowe sent for in custody, and his case committed. [*Col.* 20.]

Wm. Lilly's book, &c., referred. [*Col.* 26.]

John Ayerson's business referred. [*Col.* 1.]

Report on Col. Barry's petition. [*Col.* 4.]

What partitions shall be removed in James' House, for her Highness. [*Col.* 22.]

Mr. Woodward to remove from James's. [*Col.* 44.]

His Highness's counsel to attend the Commissioners for Appeals about Kingswood Forest, and Mr. Beck, the solicitor, to take care of it. [*Col.* 24.]

Letter about repairs for Sandown Castle referred. [*Col.* 37.]

A book entitled "A Model of Popular Government" referred. [*Col.* 28.]

Reports in particular cases to be considered. [*Col.* 35.]

The state of the arrears in Jamaica referred. [*Col.* 22.]

Place for the guards at Paul's referred. [*Cols.* 18, 33.]

The Treasury Commissioners to pay 3,000*l.* to Mr. Frost, on the account of the affairs of Flanders. [*Col.* 40.]

10*l.* to Clement Kinnersley for a clerk. [*Col.* 24.]

Order that warrants on the Exchequer contain a clause distinguishing such as are on account of the 30,000*l.* for the Government. [*Col.* 31.]

The Treasury Commissioners to return half-yearly accounts of moneys paid from the said 30,000*l.*; the account for 1½ years, ending 25 November last, referred. [*Col.* 40.]

A report on several petitions touching Rob. Manley's estate referred. [*Col.* 28.]

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Report of another Commissioner to be added to the Great Seal. [*Col.* 37.]

Request for an augmentation to Ottery St. Mary referred. [*Col.* 31.]

Augmentations for Bidston and Upton. [*Cols.* 4, 42.]

The Portugal Ambassador's paper, touching a Dutch ship taken by Capt. Green, referred. [*Col.* 33.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 265–275.]

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Jan. 10.

Sec. Thurloe to Admiral Stoakes. I have been prevented by illness and business from answering your letters. Capt. Whitstone has been here some time, and is now to be tried on the articles you have exhibited against him, Council having received no satisfaction from his defence. [*Extract. French correspondence.*]

Dec. 31.
Ordnance Office.

84. Ordnance officers to the Admiralty Commissioners. In pursuance of your order of 16 October 1658, recited, we have viewed the Old Artillery Ground, with the buildings thereupon, a draft whereof is herewith returned. We certify that the said ground, being enclosed with a brick wall 12 feet high, contains 4a. 3r. 10p., whereof on the north side is the gun range, 12 yards broad and 235 yards long, whereon the master gunners in times past exercised their office in teaching all such persons as desired to be disciplined in the art of gunnery. On the south part of this ground is erected an armoury and court house, with a workhouse, all built of brick, at the charge of the President and Company of Artillery of London, which were permitted by the late King James, with the advice of his Council in 1622, to exercise and practise the art of drilling. All which edifices are yet standing on the State's soil, and were lately sold by the said Artillery Company to the petitioners.

On the north wall of this ground stands the master gunner's house, with a washhouse and stable, two small storehouses by the pond, and a porter's lodge at the gate, all which, with the herbage, have been in the occupation of the several master gunners, yearly value 30*l.* Now if it seems meet to the wisdom of his Highness and Council to grant the petitioners a lease of the premises, as is desired, we think the gun range should be excepted for experiments in great ordnance, so often as may be necessary, or as the State thinks fit to make use thereof. Also all that shed built upon the east wall of the gun range, for proof of hand guns, and that other similar structure of brick, at the east end of the armoury, which has been and is daily used for the loading, searching, blowing, and viewing of hand guns, before and after proof, with ingress, egress, and regress, to and for the officers of the Ordnance, and whom they shall appoint, with carts and horses or other carriages, as occasion shall require, for the proof of hand guns, and the experiment of ordnance aforesaid.

That such lease should be made by indenture between the Ordnance officers on behalf of the Protector on the one part, and the petitioners or such as they shall nominate on the other part, under such rents or quit rents, services, limitations, covenants, and

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restrictions as his Highness and Council shall think fit; the counterpart of the lease to remain in this office on record, that the State may receive their right again when the lease is expired. [$2\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

Dec. **85.** Address by John Woodruffe and Thos. Lucas, bailiffs, and the Aldermen and Common Council of Great Yarmouth, 12 persons, to the Protector. We sadly resent the taking out of this world of your renowned father, so good, so great a man, the captain of the Lord's host. But it proves not so evil for us as we feared, the breach being healed by your immediate and peaceful succession, after so many cursed plans of the sons of Belial. The sun has arisen with resplendent beams, dispelling the former malignant vapours, and our sorrow is turned into joy. They must despair, when, by a constant series of providences, they have only met with saddest disappointments.

The Lord clothed himself with vengeance, and puffed at them, and now has called you to protect his people in their liberties. We shall follow your happy conduct, and pray that the Lord would give you a spirit of wisdom, counsel, and the fear of God. [$1\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

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86. Petition of Capt. Jeffrey Pierce of the Guinea, to Gen. Montague, for restoration to his command. Served at Exeter, &c., in 1644 and 1645; was in all the engagements with the Dutch, and brought in a prize worth 8,000*l.* In 1655 commanded the boat that fired the ships in Portà Ferina. Has been 8 voyages as lieutenant and captain, and 3 years since, his lordship wrote to Col. Clarke about him, and lately promised him employment. "Has not been involved in any of the schisms that have appeared in these late overtures." With shorthand note endorsed, that there are many papers concerning his trouble, and my lord should refer them to Stoakes. [1 *page.*]

87. Petition of Eliz. Bellamy, widow, and John Addis, to the Admiralty Commissioners. By contract in Sept. 1655 with Capt. Alderne, navy victualler, they undertook harbour victuals in London and Chatham for 7 years, at $5\frac{3}{4}$*d.* a day per man, three quarters to be paid monthly and the rest at the end of 6 months, yet they are now 5,000*l.* in arrear.

Through the dearness of provisions, enhanced since the contract, and the liberty given by Parliament to export victuals, they cannot provide them at the contracted rate for ready money. Beg to have $6\frac{1}{4}$*d.*, as allowed the victualler at Portsmouth. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

88. Petition of Bellamy and Addis to the Admiralty Commissioners to like effect, for assignment of 2,100*l.* due to the State from Mr. Beane, farmer of excise at Monmouth, in part of 5,634*l.* 18*s.* arrears due to them for victualling, chiefly for Jan. and Feb. last. [1 *page.*]

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89. Petition of Bellamy and Addis to the Admiralty Commissioners to like effect, and for 500*l.* at once, and a tally for 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* payable from Mr. Dunkin, receiver-general at Ipswich, in part of 5,726*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.* due to them from March to Sept. last. [1 *page.*]

90. Articles against Capt. Rowland Bevans, commander of the Convert, by Peter Cooper, the master.

1. Endeavoured to save the expense of a pilot, but the captain gave Michael Johnson, the master's mate, two tickets to receive money for pilotage from the Downs to Harwich, and from the Downs to Dunkirk, and being his favourite, allowed him 2 servants.
2. On 27 July 1657, Capt. Bevans took in on freight at Snow Hill, Iceland, 83 packs of merchants' goods, each of the size of a hogshead, 18 barrels and other small rundletts, also 1,295 lings, with 440 large haberdines, and so pestered the ship that if there had been occasion, she could not have performed service as a man-of-war.
3. William Wortherne and 4 others named, being favourites, were entered aboard upon victuals and wages 125 days before they appeared.
4. If the Admiralty Commissioners do not allow the purser provisions when men are on shore by leave of the captain, from 10 to 60 days each, then the purser is indebted to the State 600 days' provisions.
5. The gunner being accused by Gabriel Evans of selling powder on shore and strong waters on board, for ready money and clothes, was called before a council of war in the North Seas, on 12 July 1658; but the captain took his part concerning the strong waters, and asked why he was not accused for buying two gallons of the same water at Iceland, whereupon the witnesses were silent.
6. Jacob Bevins and 4 others ran, but being favourites, they stood charged upon the book, which was one cause why witness refused to sign it, or the ticket which was made out; and the captain alleging that 3 hands were as good as 4, the other 2 dared not displease him. [2 *pages.*]

91. Offer to supply the forces at Mardike at 6½*d.* a day, bearing all waste except the damage of the enemy, provided assistance be given in carrying the provisions from the vessels in the Splinter to the fort, and store room for keeping them there. [½ *page.*]

92. Oath to be taken by the constables of London for the true execution of their office. Also account of their duties, *viz.:*

Keep the peace, arrest contenders and rioters, and take them to the house or counter of one of the sheriffs, and if withstood, raise an outcry and pursue them. Search for nuisances in the ward, when required by the scavengers or beadles. Help the beadle and sexton to gather their salary, if required. Report to the lord mayor and

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ministers of the city any default against city ordinances. Report weekly to the clerks of the Mayor's Court the names of deceased freemen and of their children, being orphans of the city. Enquire after offences against the Statutes of 1, 4, and 21 James, to restrain tippling in alehouses and drunkenness. [1 *page, printed.*]

93. Statement [by counsel for the Countess of Leicester ?] of a claim on the estate of the late Earl of St. Alban's. On an intended marriage between Ulick [de Burgh] Lord Dunkelyn, son and heir of Richard Earl of Clanricard, and Anne, only daughter of William Earl of Northampton, it was agreed, 5 Dec. 1622, and performed by indenture 1 Feb. 1622–3, with the Earl and Countess of Northampton, and Spencer Compton, son and heir, that Northampton should convey to Richard and Anne lands in cos. Herts, Essex, and Cambridge, including Barley, value 5,000*l.*

In 1637, Ulick, now Earl of St. Alban's and Clanricard, became bound in 1,500*l.* and 1,000*l.* to the Earl of Northumberland, and in 1,300*l.* to Sir Rob. Pye of Westminster, and then becoming a delinquent, they obtained an ordinance in Parliament of Feb. 1647–8, for payment from his estate, on which they received the rents of his estate at Sommerhill and Barley, Herts, for 2 years. On 15 Aug. 1649, Sommerhill being given to Serjt. Bradshaw, they were empowered to sell all the Earl of St. Alban's estate in Herts to pay the rest of their debt, but as the rents and profits did little more than pay the interest, 3,800*l.* is still unpaid.

Ulick dying last April [1658], his dowager Anne intends to come to a trial, which she has removed from the Herts assizes to the Exchequer, for a title to the lands in Essex, though only worth 54*s.* a year, and this on a motion that the Protector is entitled to the remainder, after the debts paid by the Act of Parliament.

Query, whether the title is worth the charge and pains to defend it ? if so,

Whether the ordinance will not help out the lameness of the Act ?

I desire their title and proofs may be noted, though no defence be made, as there may be some flaw in the proceedings, and the knowledge of their proof may do us good. Endorsed with a note that the Countess of Leicester is the person concerned, as her brother, the Earl of Northumberland, is a trustee for her, and Sir Rob. Pye has assigned his bond to her. [1 *page.*]

94. Statement of the Countess of Leicester's case. Many particulars similar to the above, adding that on the ordinance of 9 Feb. 1647–8, the Countess agreed with Sir Rob. Pye that he should have Barley and she should have Sommerhill, which was let at 700*l.* a year, of which the Committee kept $\frac{1}{3}$, and she had $\frac{2}{3}$ towards her debt. Also statement of the Countess of St. Alban's title to Barley, as being conveyed to her by marriage as above stated.

Considerations thereon; that she may have destroyed her title; that she is barred by her non-claim. They will object that that is a forfeiture to the Protector, and makes not for us. We answer that it as probable the Protector will give it to us for a just debt

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as to her; but if otherwise, she is a recusant, and can only have $\frac{1}{3}$, and we might inform, and so hope to enjoy the other $\frac{2}{3}$. After her death, we may hope to enjoy the whole again, as the bonds hold good against her husband's heir, so that it would be as well for us as for her to come to an agreement and settle the estate, which else will be liable to perpetual dispute. [3½ *pages.*]

95. Notes and queries upon the case, similar to the above—adding

That by Lady St. Alban's answer, it is clear that Barley descends to Lady Margaret, and she being of age, why should not bonds be put in suit against her?

That as Sommerhill is security for all the Earl of St. Alban's debts, why should not we come in as creditors?

What estate descended to Spencer Compton's heirs, Rich. Compton of Hampshire, by his first wife, and John by the second wife?

The Countess [of St. Alban's] has been active against Parliament in Ireland; what use can be made of that?

Exceptions to Lady St. Alban's answer—

She denies fraudulency or secret trust in her settlement, but not any declared trust; if such were, it may alter the case much.

There is great reason to believe that she has passed away her right in the conveyance, for Sir H. Compton and Sir Lewis Dives had security from the Earl, her husband, to save them harmless against all the bonds and debts they were engaged in for him, and it is said that all his lands in England were engaged on that account. [2 *pages.*]

96. Notes of deeds and evidences, 1627 to 1658, concerning Waperton Beerely, Binton, and other lands, formerly the inheritance of Sir Wm. Walter, and their transfer through his daughters Elizabeth, married to Sir John Sackville, and Katherine to Knighton Ferrers, and then to Sir Symon Fanshaw, through several hands, to Rogers, Warner, and Quincey. [2½ *pages.*]

97. "The Christian Commonwealth, or the civil policy of the rising kingdom of Jesus Christ." Written before the interruption of the Government by Mr. John Eliot, teacher of the Church of Christ at Roxbury, in New England, and now published (after his consent given) by a Server of the Season.

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Like accounts from 13 Sept. to 25 Dec. 1658. [15 *sheets.*]

Weekly accounts of the balances in hand at the Excise Office, 17 April to 25 Dec. 1658. [33 *papers.*]

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Jan. 1. **1.** Petition of Rob. Luson, captain in Maj.-Gen. Goffe's regiment, to the Protector. My father-in-law, Maj. Burton, of Great Yarmouth, and 2 others were empowered by your father to raise 3 foot companies of 100 each, for the safety of the town. This my father did, and was often on guard, but received nothing for 3 years. He was often urged by the soldiers to get them paid with the rest of the Norwich militia, but knowing the State's emergencies, would not till he could find a way of paying them without charging the Exchequer; but finding that Capt. Thos. Garrett, late treasurer at Norwich, has 500*l.* or 600*l.* decimation money, he begs it may be paid towards the arrears of these companies. With reference, signed by the Protector, to the Privy Council. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 1. Hull. **2.** Col. Hen. Smith to the Admiralty Commissioners. A Lubec vessel arrived this morning, which came through the Sound 10 days since. The master informs me that he was forced into the harbour at Copenhagen, where he stayed 7 or 8 days; that provisions are exceeding dear there, and very scarce, and the King of Sweden's army lying within an English mile of the town, they cannot stir out, and the Dutch fleet are all there. He reports the King of Sweden to be in a very good condition, and it is thought he will ere long be master of that town. He saw 66 dollars given for a barrel of butter in Copenhagen, and the town being very full of people, it is supposed they will ere long be in very great straits for provisions. The Bradford and Charity ketch are gone towards Yarmouth. [1 *page.*]

Jan. $\frac{1}{11}$. Ostend. **3.** R. Lambert, for the Admiralty Judges of Ostend, to the Admiralty Committee. We have set at liberty the English prisoners mentioned in the list herewith sent, and in like manner desire you will free ours, viz.: 5 therein named, prisoners in Plymouth, and 3 in Chelsea College. We also signify that amongst the 70 prisoners whom we sent a month since, there were 8 masters (as there is also one amongst the above-mentioned), whom you seem only to account as for one each, whereas they have always freed 2 or 3 of our common mariners. If you intend that these masters ought to be accounted but for one man, we hope it will be thought meet to deal with our men proportionably, and to send over our captains or masters detained on your side without making any distinction.

We also signify that in all the wars which we have had with France and Holland, we have never accounted boys for men, nor

kept them prisoners, which you notwithstanding have first begun to do, whereas in the beginning of our rupture, we set at liberty 45 boys without having accounted them so much as for one man, or demanded others in exchange for them. If you (having pity of their age) will henceforward give freedom to our boys, we will also in like manner free yours. [1½ *pages, French.*] *Enclosing,*

3. I. *List of* 8 *English prisoners and of* 8 *Flemish prisoners at Plymouth and Chelsea College.* [½ *page, French.*]

Jan. 1/11. **4.** Translation of the above letter and list. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 2. Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay. **5.** Vice-Admiral Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I find by yours of 30 December that you had advice of my arrival before mine came to hand; this was because Capt. Pestell was on horseback with the Swede's agent, before our coming to anchor, after which it required some time to call the commanders on board, for making the collections of their damages and wants that I sent, besides having to write to Mr. Secretary and Lord Montague.

As to sending the disabled 3rd rates for Chatham and the 4th for Harwich, I had it from some commanders here, who were misinformed, that there were no masts there and sent them up the river, but since then I understand there is a sufficiency of anchors, cables, &c., for the 4th rate frigates that want. As to our riding in this place, I have advised with the commanders, and it is thought as safe as in the Downs, though more inconvenient for watering. I can give no further account of the Fagons than by the relation of Mr. Thorpe, master of the Wooden Doublet, who is now at London, and I have not heard of the Centurion. I send a breviate of our voyage, but if you want a sailing journal I will have one drawn out.

As to the pilots' opinion in reference to a ship going for the Sound, they are at a loss in their judgments, but conclude that the last storms may have broken up the ice there, and if they have open weather there as here, they conceive it may be feasible for a nimble frigate to attain the Sound; but if not suddenly, they conclude, having a dark moon in hand, it will be more difficult.

When we were on the coast of Jutland, Sir George Ayscue made known his want of provisions, having but 3 days' in one ship for 170 men, and I supplied him for 7 days, he having given me a note under his hand for repaying it in any port of the King of Sweden's dominions, or otherwise to make satisfaction in England; but I have since understood that they not only borrowed these provisions of me, but have also exhausted those of the Essex and Maidstone, from the many men they had on board, which was without my knowledge or order. This has accrued by the defects of Capt. Cox, who should have laid in a larger store, as some presume to say they had but four days' provisions for over 700 men when they came from Gravesend. As to the 2 ketches appointed to wait upon this ship and the Speaker, the Speaker's ketch left us before our last departure from this coast, and the other, after delivering on board the pilots received at Hull, kept company with us until we came upon the coast of Jutland, and in plying to windward to attain the

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Scaw, lost us, and since then I have not heard of either of them. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

5. I. *Journal of Vice-Admiral Wm. Goodson's fleet, from* 17 *Nov. to* 29 *Dec.* 1658. *On* 17 *Dec. Fras. Lewis was killed by the long boat breaking loose.* [4 *pages.*]

Jan. 3. The Richard, Downs.

6. Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne to [the Admiralty Commissioners]. I received your letter of the 30th ult., and suppose the Judge Advocate will have been with you ere this comes to hand. Upon notice from Mr. Westerne and Mr. Crispe, I will appoint a small frigate to sail for Rye, Pevensey, and Newhaven, for the small vessels there bound for Lynn, and see them safe thither.

I am of the same opinion as yourselves, that the small frigates and vessels will be of little use this winter season, more than to run over to France and Dunkirk with small convoys, and to carry packets to and from Holland, in which business they have been mostly employed, and seldom lay still, but I will send the Lily, Rose, and Cignet up the river as directed, as soon as their victuals are expended, they being very floaty vessels, and not so fit to turn to windward as others. The Cignet and Merlin are appointed to attend Lord Lockhart at Dunkirk, but I will advise his Lordship of your pleasure concerning the Cignet, and order him another.

I have constantly transmitted to the Victualling Commissioners the accounts of the provisions I ordered out of this ship and others to those frigates that wanted, and have done the like to the victualler at Dover about the small vessels that victual there. Notwithstanding I have now sent them a general account, as directed, of the provisions spared out of this ship since my coming on board.

The Portsmouth has arrived with 10 merchantmen under her convoy from the Canaries, whence they set sail the 12th ult. Capt. Sansum informs that there were not then any Spaniards arrived from the West Indies; that the Dragon with the rest of the fleet would be ready to sail from thence the first of the month; that before their arrival at the Canaries, the enemy had taken one of our merchant ships, and burnt another; and that he parted with 3 of the merchant ships which came with him from thence off the Lizard. As the Portsmouth is very foul, and has only 14 days' victuals, I desire orders as to her disposal. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 3. Navy Office.

7. Major Robt. Thomson and Nath. Wright, Navy Commissioners, to the Admiralty Commissioners. There is due to Laurence Day and Jno. Potts, on several small bills for white oakum and goats' hair, delivered by them into the stores since March 1657, 300*l.* and upwards; they are looked upon but as poor men, and the service requiring daily supplies of these provisions, they inform us that they are so far run in debt already, for want of their moneys, that they are reduced to very great straits, and not able to trust the State any longer. The truth is that for these petty provisions, it has formerly been the practice of this office to pay ready money forthwith after delivery, and we believe the poor men may much suffer for lack of their money; we recommend their conditions to

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you, and the rather for that, if you order them payment, we shall be able to engage them to a further supply of these commodities, whereof there is very great want in the yards. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Jan. 4. **8.** Petition of John Sadler to the Protector. I have often been pressed to present petitions on behalf of the Jews, but by letters of your late royal father and others of note, some of the synagogues sent hither a chief rabbi, Manasseh ben Israel, for admittance to some freedom of trade in these islands. He stayed here so long that he was ashamed to return to those that sent him with so little success. Your father granted him 100*l.* a year, which he resigned for 200*l.*, but though he procured several seals, he never got a penny. At length, heart-broken with losing his only son, his time, and his hopes, he got away with so much breath as lasted him to Middleburg, where he died, leaving a widow who had not money to bury him without help.

Your father, with his own hands, committed several of the widow's letters to the special care of Sec. Thurloe, but the Exchequer is so charged that there is little hope there.

In compassion to the relatives of a man so eminent, I beg you to order the 200*l.* from Council's contingencies or elsewhere speedily, and without fees. [1 *page.*]

[Jan. 4.] Note of the reading thereof in Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 37.]

Jan. 4. **9.** Petition of John and Edw. Bushell, merchants, to the Protector, for leave to export 1,000 barrels of gunpowder to Portugal, their friends there having contracted to supply some to the armies there against the Spaniard, the common enemy, who has lately made an invasion, and there is great need of arms and ammunition. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Jan. 4. Note of order in Council granting the leave. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 4.]

Jan. 4. Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

A committee to speak with Capt. Green. [*Col.* 18.]
Stephen Bolton, report. [*Col.* 4.]
An additional Privy Seal for Lord Lambert. [*Col.* 25.]
The report on the Quakers' case to be considered. [*Col.* 34.]
A committee to hear Mr. Woodward. [*Col.* 44.]
Computation to be made of the arrears in Jamaica. [*Col.* 22.]
The prisoners' list to be considered.
6*l.* for sea-coal for the porters at Whitehall. [*Cols.* 33, 44.]
The whole state of the revenue referred. [*Col.* 35.]
Report on salaries on the Civil List and contingencies in Scotland. [*Col.* 38.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 276–281.]

Jan. 5. **10.** Report by Drs. John Godolphin and C. G. Cock, in the case of Lazaro Armenio, on a reference of 16 December to the Admiralty Court, to examine whether he is a subject of the King of Spain, in relation to a chest of cochineal taken from him by Capt. Stoakes,—on depositions that he was born in Tauris in Persia, married an Armenian, has lived as an Armenian merchant in Smyrna and

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Armenia, but that his home and that of his family is Persia,—that he should be exempted from reprisals as a subject of Spain, not being subject thereto unless he had lived there ten years, or removed there without any intention of returning. With note of order in Council, 13 January. [$2\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

Jan. 5. **11.** Propositions by the Prize Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners:—

1. That each captain at sea be required, on taking of any prize, to search for the papers, cockets, bills of lading, &c.
2. To get an affidavit before some chief magistrate of a port, or a public notary if possible, that the papers, &c., were found aboard such a ship at the time of the seizure.
3. To send the original papers, cockets, bills of lading, &c., under the seal of the chief magistrate aforesaid, to the Admiralty Commissioners, the Admiralty Judges, or Commissioners for Prize Goods, &c.
4. To examine on oath, before some chief magistrate, two or three of the principal persons taken aboard the said prize, and transmit the originals to the persons aforesaid.

Memorandum, that copies of originals, though never so true, advantage not the State, but, on the contrary, prejudice them. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Jan. 5. Expedition, Yarmouth Roads. **12.** Capt. Edm. Thomson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received an order from Vice-Adm. Goodson, by virtue of a letter from his Highness, to sail to the Yarmouth Roads, to enquire for one Welsh, a privateer, who has taken two London merchant ships, and to seize him and them; but hearing he has gone for Dunkirk, I am about sailing to the fleet at Hoseley Bay. If I do not find them there, shall I return for the river, or go to Harwich, as I have only 7 days' provisions left? [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

[Jan. 6.] **13, 14.** Petition of Seth Ward, D.D., Professor of Astronomy, Oxford, to the Protector and Council, for continuance of the augmentation recommended by the late Protector and his Council to be paid to him by the Trustees for Augmentations, who paid it for three quarters, but have now suspended the same. With note of reference, 9 November 1658, and order thereon, 5 January 1658–9, in the Committee to whom the case was referred,—that the late Protector and Council granted him an augmentation of 80*l.*, settled on the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, which cannot be supplied out of any other revenue than that managed by the Governors of Windsor, who will have a surplus of 213*l.* a year, and that the 80*l.* a year should be paid therefrom, this case differing from other like matters, and not elsewhere to be provided for; and that the other references concerning augmentations be considered together. With note of order in Council, 6 January. [*Two papers.*] *Annexing,*

Jan. 6. Note of reading the report in Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 44.]

[Jan. 6.] **15.** Petition of Major John Harris, prisoner in Lambeth House, to Council. I have been 13 months prisoner, and often addressed

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his Highness and Sec. Thurloe for mercy if guilty, or a trial by law. Though I have offered bail, I cannot obtain freedom, with or without a keeper, to solicit my affairs. By law I should have been referred to the Lord Chief Justice, or some other justice, and had a speedy trial, which I have been denied by this tedious imprisonment. The time of my trial (if murder) is elapsed, an appeal not lying unless filed within 12 months. I beg reference to law and justice, and acceptance of bail; or if reasons of State or private influence prevent this, a maintenance suitable to my condition during imprisonment. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 6. **16.** Report thereon by Desborow, Sydenham, and Skippon,—that Harris' charge is of procuring moneys from a merchant of Ipswich, by counterfeiting an order of Council, on which he was committed to the Serjeant-at-arms; but that, on hearing both parties, they advise that he be set at liberty, on security for his appearance when required. With note of an order in Council, 11 January 1658–9. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 6. Whitehall. **17.** Petition of Col. Thos. Ceely, governor of Lyme Regis, to the Protector. The manors of South Milton, Killegarth, Heigham, and Trelley, cos. Devon and Cornwall, and other lands, &c., of the late Sir Jas. Bagg, were liable to extent, for debts of 40,000*l.* to the late King. The late Protector, becoming entitled thereto, granted me the premises by patent, 20 January 1656–7, for 99 years, to pay in half the profits to the Exchequer, and receive the other half till repaid 4,500*l.*, with charges of recovering the premises, which are still detained from me, and I am in continual suits about them, one of which is now ready for judgment. My adversaries pretend that the late Protector's interest was lost for want of a claim, or that the debts were paid, and thereby the estate become liable to sale at Drury House, where they apply to purchase them as the estate of George, son and heir of Sir Jas. Bagg, a delinquent in the third Act [of sale].

Such a sale would avoid the payment of those great debts to you, and destroy my grant, and would only serve to satisfy a private debt, allowed by the Committee for Obstructions, but which should not be paid till yours is satisfied. I beg direction to the Drury House Trustees to forbear disposal thereef. With reference to Council, and note of further reference, 11 January. Endorsed "Mr. Solicitor advised him to petition thus." [1 *sheet.*]

[Jan. 6.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Commissioners to be appointed to speak with the French Ambassador about the Swedish business. [*Col.* 16.]

Capt. Thos. Garret to pay into the Exchequer the money in his hands raised by the extraordinary tax. [*Col.* 18.]

Augmentation ordered to Ottery St. Mary and Plympton Mary, and reference as to what other maintenance there is there. [*Cols.* 31–33.]

Jan. 6. Prize Office, Coleman Street. **18.** S. Clarke and Thos. Speed, prize officers, to the Admiralty Commissioners. We have communicated the contents of your letter, and the papers concerning the Sta. Maria at Toulon, to the Admiralty

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Judges. As Dr. Walker, Advocate for the Commonwealth, through whose hands the proceedings concerning the ship as to the commission for appraisement proceeded, has promised to be at the court to-morrow, it is thought that he should be acquainted with the allegations on which the witnesses are to be examined at Toulon or elsewhere, before the commission for examination desired by your letter be taken out of court; therefore we cannot get it against this night's post. We will acquaint you what the determination of the judges is to-morrow, so that there may be a dispatch on Monday by the post: this is as much as we could obtain for the present, as the Proctor for the Dutch in the said ship moved for sending away the commission for the appraisement, and opposed the taking out of the commission for examination, until it be heard with counsel to-morrow. We sent a letter to Dr. Walker, near Watford, by express, and he sent another that he could not come before to-morrow. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 6. Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay.

19. Vice-Admiral Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. The 5th rate frigates being employed by his Highness's order in seeking out a man-of-war that, under pretext of a Swedish commission, had taken an East country ship at the mouth of the Thames, I, by the great desire both of the Swedish envoy and Sir Geo. Ayscue, granted them the Maidstone, which will be victualled for 3 months and ready to receive them, weather permitting, within two days.

I have, as ordered, given his Majesty's envoy here to understand that for what victuals have been already issued, and for what now is to be delivered them, I expected bills of exchange from him at 9*d.* each man per day. He gave this in return: that he was an envoy, sent only upon a message; and his business being done, he is returning, and that bills of exchange relate to his Majesty's agent resident with you. I have given Mr. Secretary an account of this, and beg to know how I shall act. As to the ship Angel, called by you the Eagle, at Harwich, her master is very sick, many of the men relating to Sweden are also sick, some dead, and others run away, and the envoy and Sir George are gone on shore to see their conditions, and resolve how to act. I have detained your messenger until the morning, that I might give you a further account. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 7. Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay.

20. Vice-Admiral Wm. Goodson to the Victualling Commissioners. Since our second return, I have given the Admiralty Commissioners knowledge of the ships' wants with me, which will have been transmitted to you. I have since sent for Mr. Grassingham to survey the Speaker, Newbury, and Assurance; he went his way without giving me any account, but 3 days after he sent me the enclosed from Harwich; on which dumb account I gave a warrant to 6 master carpenters to make a second survey of the Speaker, and enclose their return. I entreat you to remember the wants of this ship, and of the 3rd rate frigates.

The pilots that were sent us we missed at our going out; we had only one from Yarmouth, John Bannister, late master of the Elizabeth, but we found amongst the ships 7 or 8 mates and midshipmen who had used the Sound, some having taken charge as

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masters, some as mates, and other inferior officers. These we divided, and put those we judged most knowing to the best ships, and promised all of them some encouragement, and hope you will grant it accordingly.

As for the 5 pilots from Hull, and one from London, Mr. Raymer encountered one at Bovembergen Reiff; the other 7 from London within 3 or 4 leagues of the Scaw, and they were also divided. I shall not be curious to understand what they were to have, but some of them were pitiful fellows; I wish we may find better the next occasion, or have none at all. The reason the pilots were so distributed was because the Essex and Maidstone brought their pilots with them, and the Fagon, gone into the Sound, had the mate of the Nantwich for a pilot.

The enclosed is the state of the provisions on board the respective ships with me. The Expedition having hers so nearly expired, I am sending her to Harwich to be recruited for two months; as to the rest that are near out, the Admiralty Commissioners will consider of their disposal, whether to revictual here or come in. [1⅓ *pages.*]

Enclosing,

20. I. *Survey by Robt. Grassingham of the Newbury. Several of her gun-deck beams have warped and some of the knee bolts are nearly broken, but as her defects are not so great but that she may well endure service on this coast, will send aboard some bolts to strengthen the knees. As to the Assurance, her rudder is unserviceable, and her furnaces and fire hearth must be reset, and she needs other repairs and tallowing. Harwich,* 5 *Jan.* 1658–59. [¾ *page.*]

20. II. *Survey by Roger Eastwood and* 4 *others of the Speaker. With knees or bolts, her defects may be sufficiently repaired in this road; the cheeks of her head are defective but they may also be made good. Jan.* 7, 1658–59. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

Jan. 7. Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay.

21. Vice-Admiral Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I gave you an account yesterday that, by the great desire of Sir Geo. Ayscue and the Swedish envoy, I had appointed them the Maidstone, which has now all her provisions on board. I enclose a note of victuals spared to the people bound for the Swedish service under Sir Geo. Ayscue. I also gave you an account of Sir Geo. Ayscue and the Swedish agent's going on shore; they promised me their resolve, after taking cognizance of their men and ship, and to that purpose I promised them the messenger should stay, which he has done; but this morning Sir George sent me a verbal message from Harwich, that I should not stay the messenger on account of his business. I desire to know how I shall act touching the bills of exchange for the provisions already spared, the envoy refusing to sign any. Capt. Blake departed yesterday, and the Assurance having gone to Harwich to repair, I gave her captain liberty to go to London on business, so he promised to wait upon you. [1 *page.*]

Enclosing,

21. I. *Account of provisions delivered to Sir Geo. Ayscue's people by the Maidstone, Gloucester, and Essex.* [⅓ *page.*]

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Jan. 7. Cockermouth. **22.** Thos. Smith to Williamson. Thanks for your punctual account of the dialogue between you and ——; you hit my sense to a hair. Tell me what you may hear further, and what you advise me to do, though now there seems no haste for my return thither.

Your brother George has been here with Bart. Curwen and his lady, who came to visit Lady Fletcher.

Last Friday, Sir W. Lawson was chosen knight of the shire, Mr. Brisco being the other, and next day his second son, Wilfrid, and his son-in-law, Mr. Stapleton, were chosen burgesses for Cockermouth. Sir Geo. Fletcher, though absent in London, had difficulty, by his own letters and the entreaties of his friends, to prevent the county's choosing him. Mr. Downing, resident at the Hague, brother-in-law to Lord Howard, and Mr. Craister are chosen for Carlisle. [1 *page.*]

Jan. $\frac{7}{17}$. Pe[rcy] Ch[urch] to [Sec. Nicholas]. I doubt not but my friend Johnson will prove worthy of the trust reposed in him by his Majesty. It is a good omen *that I prevented his engaging with others, which he, not* knowing the *intrigues of our Court,* had done, had he not accidentally offered himself to me.

Though the republican party will not be prevalent with the nobility and gentry of England, yet the generality of people, and especially the cities, are so infatuated from abroad with that kind of government, that nothing but justice will correct these malignant humours; and therefore, in regard of their pretended liberty and trade, any treaty between England and Spain may prove more dangerous to the King than their war with Holland, which good news, I hear from England, is not less desired by the city of London and the maritime ports than the peace with Spain.

The fleet sent to the Sound has returned *re infectâ,* much weather-beaten, and some wanting. The Presbyterians are high in expectation of success next Parliament, though it is believed they will, as formerly, be most shamefully worsted.

Ambassador Bordeaux is retreating, ill satisfied not only with Cromwell and his Council, but with the females, who have not spared to pay him as well as he rewarded them.

Two Dutch ships have been taken off St. Malo by the English commissioned from the King of Sweden.

As *Rawlins is returned from England,* it is now visible that *he was sent by Lord Berkley,* as I presume *Col. Tuke and Loving, who is expected here from Lord Jermyn.* What any of *their emissaries sends or brings* of consideration will *be kept from your Court* unless *they and their creatures' interests may be considered equally with if not before his Majesty's.* [*Extract, Flanders correspondence. Italics, cyphers decyphered.*]

Jan. 8. **23.** Petition of Sir Thos. Andrews and Sir John Dethick, late treasurers-at-war, to the Protector, for speedy audit of their accounts, allowance of all dues, and a full discharge. Were appointed by Parliament at the first modelling of the army under Lord Fairfax, on 28 March 1645, and continued till Jan. 1651-2. Performed their duties with great difficulty in those times

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of peril and distraction. In Dec. 1651, petitioned Parliament to end their employment, as many great accounts wherewith they were charged lay unascertained, and to this Parliament assented; having at last, after much labour, brought in all their accounts, beg a settlement. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 8. Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

20,000*l.* to be sent to Scotland. [*Col.* 38.]

The Treasury Commissioners to pay Maj. Burton 400*l.* in part of his Privy Seal.

Reference about the money remaining in any person's hands on account of the extraordinary tax. [*Col.* 40.]

The certificate of Col. Brewster and others, touching the minister at Bungay, referred.

Dr. Brownrigg's petition referred. [*Col.* 4.]

Contract for the customs and excise in Scotland. [*Cols.* 8, 14, 38.]

Case of John Chabenor and other farmers of excise in co. Hants referred. [*Col.* 8.]

Sir Thos. Fleetwood's petition to be considered. [*Col.* 16.]

The treasurers-at-war to pay 1,000*l.* for Army contingencies. [*Col.* 1.]

The petition of John Green, farmer of excise in Bristol, referred.

1,000*l.* to Col. Guibon out of Army contingencies. [*Col.* 18.]

1,000*l.* to be paid to Wm. Walker for Army Contingencies. [*Col.* 44.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 283–288.]

Jan. 8. **24.** Certificate in the Admiralty Committee, on a reference of his Highness of 28 Dec. 1658, that Martin Brice, prisoner in Plymouth Castle, whose release is desired for Josias Goddard, merchant, prisoner at the Groyne, is an Irishman, and was taken on board the Sta. Theresa, in open hostility against the State, and therefore should not be exchanged without special order, as all subjects so taken ought to be proceeded against as rebels and traitors. With note of an order in Council on 20 Jan. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Jan. 8. Portsmouth Dockyard. **25.** Capt. Chas. Thorowgood to the Admiralty Commissioners. Repair and fitting of ships. I want an order for Capt. Country to convoy a vessel to Plymouth, laden with powder, and another of Southampton. Commissioner Willoughby was chosen this morning to serve in Parliament as a burgess for Portsmouth, and Jno. Child as his colleague. The former had the unanimous suffrages of the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Jan. 8. Harwich. **26.** Robt. Grassingham to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Assurance has come in to be repaired, and I am in hand with the Weymouth pink, but am in great want of money to carry on that service. Commissioner Bourne used to make a special inspection of the naval affairs of this port, and during that time, I had recourse to him for supplies of money to pay wages, &c.; but since that service was taken out of his hands, and put into those of the

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Navy Commissioners 9 months since, I have often addressed them, but with little effect, save that I was ordered to charge a bill upon the Navy Treasurer for 300*l.*, which they signed, and on the back of which there was a bill of imprest drawn upon me, which I signed; but although my brother, Richard Grassingham, has since wasted much time and trouble therein, it has not yet been paid. It would then have cleared all wages due, but now it will not do so. As I have now 3 quarters' accounts due, I hope you will accept the enclosed bill for 100*l.*, and let it be paid with the above 300*l.*, that the burden of my 3 quarters' accounts may be taken off, as it is far greater than my estate is worth; so that in case of mortality or any other change, my family may not be in hazard of utter ruin, through my accounts not being passed as formerly, otherwise my burden will be such as cannot willingly be borne.

I have not, nor have had for some months, money to defray the necessary expenses of my family without borrowing, entirely through disbursing all my own for the better carrying on of the charge put into my hands, and as I am constrained to employ strangers on the works for a month at a time, because I can only employ a few constantly, I was constrained to pay them off with my own money so long as I had any; I have only received 100*l.* for payment of wages these 9 months.

I know money is scarce in the Treasury, yet I also know that bills are daily paid, and that what you order to be paid are paid; I am therefore the more earnest; had not my former way been hedged up by which I was wont to be supplied, I should not have thus troubled you.

If you advise with Commissioner Bourne, he can make you sensible of the true state of this port, and also of the burden that is and is likely to be upon me, for want of a daily supply of money as he formerly had, and as until lately I have had; if this will not prevail with you, it will put me upon soliciting for liberty to wait upon you, to declare by words what I am short of by pen touching this matter.

Touching the money I disbursed upon the account of Mardike, I did not think I should have had now to seek it; but if my patience must be thereby further exercised, it will make me cautious for the future of disbursing money, although another Protector should give such order; but I am not altogether out of hope of receiving it, because you have not given me a flat denial. [1⅔ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

26. I. *Bill of exchange by the same on the Admiralty Commissioners for* 100*l.*, *payable to his brother Richard Grassingham at sight. Harwich,* 8 *Jan.* 1658–9. [¼ *page.*]

Jan. 8. **27.** Thos. Harris and 7 others to Sir Arthur Hesilrigge, Col. Morley, and Col. Walton, Commissioners for Government of the Army. Observing your purpose and occasion of fixing your forces under sound and well principled commanders, we recommend Capts. Rob. Everard and Wm. Bray, as persons in every way well deserving your respect, for their constant affection to the true

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interest of the Commonwealth, even from the beginning of our unhappy troubles to this hopeful time of your restoration to your Parliamentary trust, wherein both of them were diligently and faithfully instrumental, as is sufficiently known to many of us, as also that they are able soldiers and principally for horse service. [1¾ *page.*]

Jan. 10. Ostend. **28.** Admiralty Judges, Ostend, to the Admiralty Commissioners. We have set at liberty 14 English prisoners herein mentioned, and desire you will release the like number of ours herein also named, in Plymouth, who were taken with Capt. Adrian Coots. [¾ *page, French.*] *Annexing,*

28. I. *List of the said prisoners.* [1 *page.*]

Jan. 10. **29.** Translation of the above letter and list. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 10. Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay. **30.** Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. Upon my request for certain poor men in Ghent prison, you ordered me to find a way whereby 20*l.* might be remitted to them, for their present relief, whereupon I conferred with Luke Lucy, who stated that Mr. Boove, his brother-in-law, of Mincing Lane, might have it done. Boove remitted 20*l.* to his correspondent there, and I applied to you for a bill for the same, and understood you had given order for its being drawn out; but some weeks passing, and not receiving it, an answer arrived from the correspondent stating that, as it was not safe for him to pay any money remitted from England in such a manner, he advised it should be sent to Mr. Boove's correspondent in Zealand, and remitted to him from thence, as a gift by one out of Zealand, which was also done.

When he in Flanders received the 20*l.*, not finding 70 prisoners as was intimated, but only 55, the others having been discharged or escaped, he only paid them 15*l.*, and sent over a receipt, which was also transmitted to you. Mr. Boove having requested the repayment of the 20*l.* sent over, I gave it him, and sent you his receipt, and again demanded a bill, whereupon you stated you did not know that the money was paid in Flanders, as some lately came over who said it was never received. Although my own estate or reputation be little worth, yet Mr. Boove, who had the transacting of the business, has the repute of an honest man, and of an estate worth a great many more thousands than these are pounds, I therefore intreat you to call him before you, to give a more particular account thereof, not only that thereby I may have the money repaid, but also have those bespatterings that are seemingly cast upon me wiped off. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 10. Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay. **31.** Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Maidstone has been supplied with 3 months' provisions, but Sir George Ayscue and the Swede's agent are still on shore at Harwich, and have sent word that their ship, the Angel, is much infected, and will require time and trouble to cleanse her; and that as they had sent to London for another master, they desired a week's provisions for 120 men, which were supplied out of the Assurance there. There are 82 more of their men on

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board the Essex, and 101 in the Maidstone, all eating the State's provisions, and as they say they are informed by the Swede's agents that these 183 men should have provisions upon the ships that carry them, besides the 200 victualled in the Angel, I beg your pleasure therein, and also as to the bills of exchange alluded to in my former letters. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 10. The Richard, Downs. **32.** Rear-Adm. John Bourne to [Robt. Blackborne]. The Marmaduke with the East Indiaman being still detained by contrary winds, I desire an order for petty warrant victuals from Dover. I hear most of the Parliament men are chosen, and hope the Lord will direct them in the right way, and give them a good understanding therein, that the people of God in the nation may have cause to bless God for them. Remember me to your lady and Mr. Creed. [1 *page.*]

[Jan. 11.] **33.** Petition of John Chabenor and Thos. Stevens, farmers of excise for cos. Berks, Hants, and the Isle of Wight, to the Commissioners for appeals and regulating the excise. On 25 March 1658, we contracted with the Commissioners for advancing customs and excise, at 8,800*l.* a year, for the excise of beer, ale, perry, cider, and metheglin; but we overbade ourselves, for in the 2 last quarters we have fallen short 1,600*l.*, yet we are bound to pay in the arrears by the 27th, or our estates will be sequestered, to our utter ruin, but no advantage to the Commonwealth. We beg stay of further proceedings, examination of our transactions since we were farmers, and abatement of the rent by 3,000*l.* a year. With note of reference and order in Council. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 11. **34.** Petition of Wm. Williams, deputy governor, and the Levant Company, to the Protector and Council, for an order to the Commissioners of Customs to dispense with custom for goods recovered from the Aleppo Merchant, cast away at Padstow, Cornwall, which, through the dishonesty and savage practices of the common people there, are so inconsiderable that they will hardly bear the charge of salvage, drying, and transport. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 11. Note of an order in Council for their bringing in custom free. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 1.]

Jan. 11. **35.** Report by Commissioner Fiennes and Lord Jones on the petition of John Deane and James his son. The father was condemned for treason in the insurrection of March 1654–5, but reprieved by his late Highness. They beg John's estate, 2 small houses in Newnham, co. Hants, worth 15*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* a year, and one to which he has a reversion after his mother, Frances Deane, being a farm in Havering parish, co. Berks, a house called Oxenwood, in Titcombe parish, Wilts, and lands, &c., in Basing, &c., Hants, worth 129*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* a year.

We do not think all would sell for more than 200*l.* or 300*l.*, and John Deane, of Oxenwood, Wilts, we find was too young to bear arms in the late wars, but was drawn into the Salisbury insurrection by malignant neighbours, and returned to his mother's house after 3 days; his Highness's favours have melted him to real

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detestation of such practices, and a resolution to be faithful to Government. We therefore advise a pardon for his estate, on his paying 200*l.* fine. [1½ *pages.*]

[Jan. 11.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

The Army Committee to issue the next 6 months' assessment to England, Scotland, and Ireland. [*Col.* 1.]

The High Court of Justice to be taken down. [*Col.* 20.]

Parliament business touching Commissioners to be considered. [*Col.* 33.]

The Treasury Commissioners recommended to satisfy a Privy Seal of 1,098*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* to Clement Kinnersley. [*Col.* 24.]

Petition concerning the prisoners sent from Nevis referred (and reported). [*Col.* 29.]

Certificate of Thos. Morrice, and others, about proceedings against them as farmers of customs in Ireland. [*Col.* 28.]

Letters of marque granted to John Jeffries (and his security allowed). [*Col.* 22.]

Count Cerillac's report to be considered. [*Col.* 8.]

Lord Lockhart, justice to him. [*Col.* 26.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 289–295.]

Jan. 11. Marseilles.

36. Jno. Aldworth [to the Admiralty Commissioners]. I formerly gave you an account by Mr. Pind, purser of the Fairfax, of the high affront the Duke of Vendosme and his lieutenant at Toulon had thrown on his Highness, by arresting all the Ste. Marie's goods, on pretence that a tenth part thereof belongs to the said Duke as High Admiral of France, which proceedings plainly appear to proceed from a disrespect to his Highness, otherwise the lieutenant would have followed his order for securing only the tenth part, and not have seized on the whole, ill-treated my servant for only telling him he exceeded his orders, and abused his Highness.

I doubt not but you will cause speedy orders to be sent, not only for the releasement of the goods, but for the lieutenant to be called to an account for his incivility.

I also gave you notice since of the goods I had received out of the Ste. Marie, and that 1,000 hides were so much damaged by bilge water that I feared, for the health of Toulon, they would compel me to throw them into the sea, lest their bad scent might breed some bad disease in the town; and they having sent me an order which I enclose, I have been forced to throw 378 of them into the sea, and 643 more had gone the same way, if I had not accidentally met with a man that gave me a piece of 8 for each hide, obliging himself to transport them from the town and territories of Toulon. This I esteem as so much money saved, and it will serve to pay the charges of landing the other goods.

I have no further news from Admiral Stoakes; the contrary winds hinder the Hampshire coming from Toulon, to convoy home our ships that are here. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

36. I. *Order in the Town Council of Toulon, on request of Aldworth, English Consul-General, for leave to bring in a Flemish*

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vessel, taken by an English frigate off Gibraltar, and laden with leather, cocoa, &c., that such leather as is dry may come in, but what is rotten and stinking must be taken out of the town. $\frac{14}{24}$ *Nov.* 1658. [1 *page, French.*]

[Jan. 13.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Augmentation for Bath. [*Col.* 5.]
Order in the case of Lazaro Armenio. [*Col.* 1.]
Major Elatson's petition referred. [*Col.* 14.]
Account by the Trustees for the King's goods referred. [*Col.* 24.]
Col. Salmon's quarters for his company. [*Col.* 38.]
The differences between the English and French in Acadie referred. [*Col.* 1.]
Augmentation to Walmesley. [*Col.* 44.]
Lord Whitelock [made] Commissioner of the Great Seal. [*Col.* 44.]
Addition to the Committee on the petition of Capts. Blackwell and Deane. [*Col.* 5.]
Ejection of ministers in co. Somerset. [*Col.* 27.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 299–302.]

Jan. 13. Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay. **37.** Vice-Adm. W. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have received your and Mr. Secretary's letter. As to the account of the provisions spared Sir George Ayscue's people, it was sent on the 7th inst., as also an account of the particular provisions in the respective ships here. The Maidstone was ready to sail the 7th instant, since when I have been waiting to know Sir Geo. Ayscue and the envoy's resolution, but cannot obtain it; it is said by some belonging to Sir George that he has resolved not to go this winter. I am confident that since the ship has been ready to receive them, they have lost a great opportunity. Immediately on receipt of the letters, I wrote to know their pleasure, whether they intended to go or not, so that the ship might otherwise proceed the first opportunity, but I have not yet received any answer.

As the provisions of several ships will be quickly exhausted, I desire to know whether we shall supply them from one another, demand a supply from Ipswich, or expect a recruit from London. Sir Rich. Stayner's lady not being well, and he having some other urgent occasions, desires liberty to come up for a short time; if granted, I promise to stand centre. [1 *page.*]

Jan. $\frac{13}{23}$. Antwerp. Earl of Norwich to Sec. Nicholas. I have received a very kind letter from my son Charles's wife. The Abbess of Ghent writes me that she is a virtuous, rich, and wise young lady, called Baker, a widow before he encountered her. "In England there are divers chosen for their approaching Parliament that may cut out new words." I am as close with a cobbler for my shoes as I was with a botcher for my breeches, which, with a new cloak double-lined, makes me defy wind and weather. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

Jan. $\frac{13}{23}$. Antwerp. William, Marquis of Newcastle, to [Sec. Nicholas.] Thanks for your sending me Sir H. Bennett's letter. Remind the King of his

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promise to thank Bennet for his favours to me. I hope the Swede will go down. I think the treaty between the two crowns well advanced, and then the King cannot fail of their aid.

Many lords are come over to Paris, but those that have so many fears so far off will hardly help our gracious master into his throne. The next generation of lords, they tell me, are fools; it will be a brave Upper House! My service to my Lord Chancellor. I have been ill this week, but am better. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Jan. $\frac{14}{24}$. Pe[rcy] Ch[urch] to Sec. Nicholas. My friend parted hastily yesterday, hearing of a frigate at Dieppe to transport young St. John, so I must acknowledge *your several papers* for him. *He parted most absolutely well satisfied in all circumstances,* and without the least *knowledge to any here of his employment,* though *several times sounded by Lord Jermyn,* which I am assured he will *make more use of* than anything *that proceeds from busy Sir R. Browne,* who was not less active *in his politic enquiries.*

I cannot believe that there was ever a treaty between Spain and Cromwell (otherwise than possibly by some merchants for trade), though it is much credited because lately *writ by as honest a man as Loving, and that is Sir H. Wood.* It is said that the Cardinal and Cromwell know constantly what passes at the King's Court; but I do not believe it. I send letters lately come to our friend *from his wife and the* agent of Denmark. * * *

I wish *our gallant dukes* would continue more with the King, *for their oft and long absence* gives cause to suspect discontents. * * *

I can give no account of *Lord Hatton* since he left, though I visit his children, who live in the house with *Dr. Martin, a divine,* and 2 servants, but are in danger of affront for his unpaid debts. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

[Jan. 14.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Edenfield Chapel, Holcombe, and Bingley, severed from Bury and Prestwich, co. Lancaster. [*Cols.* 14, 20, 33, 35.]

Goosnargh severed from Kirkham, co. Lancaster. [*Cols.* 18, 24.]

Augmentations to Watford and Walden. [*Col.* 44.]

28*l.* 10*s.* to Rich. Scutt, for candles sent to Dunkirk and Flanders. [*Cols.* 10, 16, 38.]

John Thompson's petition referred.

150*l.* a year to ministers in Holland. [*Col.* 20.]

The Treasury Commissioners to take off 150*l.* a year out of the augmentation charged on sequestrations. [*Col.* 41.]

Sec. Thurloe's account of moneys expended by him for the special service of the State referred. [*Col.* 40.]

The Earl of Chesterfield's petition referred. [*Col.* 8.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 303-7.]

Jan. 14. Leghorn. **38.** Charles Longland to the Admiralty Commissioners. Adm. Stoakes departed last night with 7 ships, leaving the Bristol to accompany home the ships bound for England who may depart in 6 days.

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I hope it will now be his good fortune to meet with some of these Majorcans who have done and still do much damage to our nation, having taken a frigate in the Morea laden with currants, and two other ships at the Straits' mouth, laden at Lisbon. If his Highness's ships in these seas divided themselves into several parties and places, they might meet with these sea robbers, which they will never do whilst they thus continue in a body together.

The new Vice-King, Conte Pignoranda, has arrived at Naples, and the old Vice-King going away. The Portugal ambassador, who has been these 5 years at Rome waiting and soliciting to be acknowledged and received by the Pope, (and certainly had been received if Badajos had been taken) is forced to quit Rome, and is on his way hither to embark for Lisbon. The Pope is right; he holds with the strongest. If those Florence wines sent you by the Kent prove good and to your liking, it will exceedingly rejoice me.

P.S.—Contrary winds have brought Adm. Stoakes back again into port. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

38. I. *Receipt by Capt. Willoughby Hannam for 6 chests of wine, to be delivered to the Navy Commissioners on the arrival of the Kent frigate at London. Leghorn,* 18 *Dec.* 1658. [*Scrap.*]

Jan. 14. Hull. **39.** Col. Hen. Smith to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have made further enquiry of Jno. Grooby, master of the St. George of Lubec, who says that he came from Elsinore ten days before his arrival here, and that there was one English frigate there of 24 guns, but he did not see any other upon that coast. There was a great store of ice in the Sound; he conceives if this wind holds, and open weather, ships may get into the Sound without danger.

The Dutch fleet was in the Haven at Copenhagen when he was there, and those within the harbour were frozen up; they were very busy in cutting the ice to make way for their hauling their ships nearer the town. Here is another that came through the Belt about the same time, Hans Hotto, master of the St. John of Lubec, who saw the King of Sweden at Neuburgh in Funen on 15 Dec. He was drawing his forces together from several places, and preparing to fight the Brandenburg's army in Holstein; there were 11 of the Swede's men-of-war in the Belt, where there was also much ice. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 15. Whitehall. **40.** Capt. J. Whitstone to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have received a copy of the charge exhibited against me by Capt. John Stoakes, Commander-in chief, and have spent some time in drawing up my defence; but being somewhat hindered by the detention of my papers sent to you by Capt. Stoakes, I desire their restitution, so that I may be enabled to prevent that seeming guilt which otherwise will lie upon me. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 15. The Essex, Hoseley Bay. **41.** Capt. Jno. Hayward to the Admiralty Commissioners. I find there is a mistake in the steward's account given to Vice-Adm. Goodson, as to the provisions, as there is sufficient on board for 250 men for 1 month and 7 days. I began sea victuals 21 Nov.;

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was forced to spare Sir Geo. Ayscue 4,826 men's allowance for one day, and having carried over 15 men for the fleet that were left behind their ships, I have expended 2 months and 21 days of our provisions. Most of Sir Geo. Ayscue's men are gone on shore, and the remainder are to go to-night, if not hindered by bad weather. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Jan. $\frac{15}{25}$. Antwerp. Earl of Norwich to Sec. Nicholas. My son never wrote me to whom he was married, but his wife wrote me a kind letter, and yours gives me more particulars. I am promised more from them both, but till then I cannot stir, for all my clothes but the very old ones are in pawn.

The peace between the two crowns will soon be, and I cannot doubt, as others do, of the good that may fall to our master thereby. If we made a right use, and in time, of the divisions you mention in England, it would be better for us than it is likely to be by your little emissaries. [*Extract, Flanders correspondence.*]

Jan. 18. **42.** Petition of Fras. Barksdale, M.D., physician to the sick and maimed soldiers in Ely House and the Savoy, to the Protector. In Feb. 1656–7, on resignation of Dr. John French, your father appointed me to the office, the stipend then being 200*l.* a year. The office takes so much time, there being 300 or 400 patients, that I cannot attend to many other patients, and the noisome and pestilential diseases are often hazardous to my own health. By an order of 8 April 1658, the salary was reduced to 100*l.*, too slender a maintenance for one that has spent 24 years in the study of physic in the universities, and has the charge of most of the sick and maimed soldiers belonging to your armies in England, Scotland, and Flanders, and those returned from Sweden and Jamaica. I beg a more fitting stipend. With reference thereon, holograph, and signed, to Fleetwood, Sydenham, and the Lord Chamberlain. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

42. I. *Oliver, Protector, to the Committee for sick and wounded soldiers in Ely House, requiring them to admit Barksdale to succeed French. Whitehall,* 23 *Feb.* 1656–7. [1 *page, copy.*]

Jan. 18. Order in Council that his salary be made up to 200*l.* a year. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 5.]

Jan. 18. **43.** Order in Council that—as on 31 Dec. 1646, 100*l.* was impressed to Lord Sydenham, then Governor of Weymouth, towards payment of shallops, and the money was spent accordingly for service of the State,—for Sydenham's discharge, the Admiralty Commissioners require the Navy Commissioners to make out a bill for payment, that the Navy Treasurer may charge and discharge himself thereby. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

[Jan. 18.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

The coal farm at Newcastle referred. [*Col.* 8.]

Serjeant Birkhead to deliver up hangings, &c., to [Clement] Kinnersley. [*Col.* 5.]

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Report on the case of the Mayor, &c., of Durham, and John Ayreson. [*Col.* 9.]

Major Neh. Bourne's petition referred. [*Col.* 5.]

The Trustees for sale of delinquents' lands to forbear sale of South Moulton and other manors. [*Cols.* 10, 38.]

Lord Lambert's case touching white cloths referred. [*Col.* 26.]

The Admiralty Commissioners' reports of several lists of ships of the fleet abroad, and of 40 that may be provided. Votes upon them. [*Cols.* 11, 16.]

1,000*l.* to Fras. Hodges, for Jamaica forces. [*Cols.* 20, 22]

Reference as to how the revenue is to be proportioned. [*Col.* 35.]

The commission and letter to the governor of Nevis to be returned to Council. [*Col.* 29.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 308–315.]

Jan. 18. Sorlings, Plymouth.

44. Capt. Thos. Morris to the Admiralty Commissioners. Hearing that Thos. Browning has stated upon oath that, when I last went to St. Martin's, I carried over a great quantity of goods, and brought the frigate back so stowed with them that there was not room left for one more hogshead;—as you may conceive that a great offence has been committed by me, I thought it concerned me to send the truth of the matter, and commit myself to your favourable construction.

When I was last ordered to St. Martin's, having 20*l.* lying dead in a friend's hand, and not knowing what occasion I might have, either for the frigate's use or my own, before my return, I ordered him to invest it in some vendable commodity, and send it to me on board; whereupon he laid it out in tin, and sent it off to me, and intrenched on me by sending a like quantity upon his own account, and it being by the ship's side, I, not knowing but the duties upon the whole were satisfied, suffered it to be taken on board. When I arrived at St. Martin's, his tin was put on shore, but no return was looked for or received by me, or any other on board, and my own I disposed of myself, and I procured such things as I most needed out of the produce.

At this time a ship of Dartmouth, laden with wine and brandy, was cast away there, and Cooke, the master, came on board the night before we sailed, with such things as he had saved in a great French boat, which consisted of sails, anchors, cables, rigging, cordage, and other lumber, as also about 12 or 16 hogsheads of vinegar and brandy, which he importuned me to take in. I, in pity for him, was constrained to allow it to be done. These might have made some show, the rather as I caused some of the casks to be stowed upon the upper deck, so that if any occasion should present, our guns between decks might be clear.

At this time also, Andrew Kerby, a London merchant, broke, which caused his factor, Samuel Harbine, to break also, and had the French seized upon him, he had doubtless rotted in prison. The English merchants there having very earnestly solicited me to admit him on board, considering his native relation, I did so, and

kept him secret until we came away, and he also brought 4 casks of brandy, the duty upon which was satisfied on its being landed here.

I can assure you there was not anything else carried out of or brought into the frigate, whatever I may be accused of; neither have I ever before carried out ore or any other kind of merchandize to the value of 20*l.*, either for myself or any others. I desire that my officers and company may be thoroughly examined herein, and if you shall judge me guilty of any offence, I crave pardon, and assure you I shall never offend in that nature again. They are careening the frigate, which will be done to-morrow, and I will then make all haste to get to sea. [2½ *pages.*]

Jan. 20. **45.** Petition of Wm. Jelly, deputy common councilman, Roger Walden, and Hen. Hassard, churchwardens, and 12 other inhabitants of Botolph's Without, Aldgate, to the Protector. Are bound by the late Protector's restoration to them of John Simpson, by whose labours they have received much spiritual benefit, and the poor have cause to bless God for the charitable relief he has raised for them, nearly 20*l.* having been lately given; but the poor have been deprived of it by the perverse carriage of Zachary Crofton, who will admit none of the ministers appointed to preach the funeral sermons of deceased benefactors, as at other churches, amongst whose poor the said charity has been distributed.

Beg, for the sake of the poor, that the deputy and common council of the ward may have power to authorize the preaching of the said sermons. 15 signatures. [1 *sheet.*]

[Jan. 20.] Note of its reading in Council. [*I.* 84, *col.* 5.]

Jan. 20. **46.** Petition of Wm. Davies, prisoner in Windsor Castle, to the Protector, for release on bail or otherwise. Being a law student and practitioner in London, I followed my vocation peaceably during the late wars. Last December I was apprehended as a Popish priest, by means of Thos. Robotham, a very wicked man, who wanted thereby to get money from me. I have been ¾ of a year in Windsor Castle, and suffered patiently, though to my damage and distress, but must now assert my innocency. The effects of my restraint may injure me more than any final sentence. I can prove my integrity, and beg examination of the matter.

With reference thereon to Col. Whichcot, governor of Windsor Castle, 27 Sept.; his report, 8 Oct. 1658, that Davies was only apprehended because some beads were found in his chamber, and that Robotham himself confessed he was not a priest, and that as he will live peaceably on an estate left him by his late father, he should be liberated on security not to act against government; and further order, 30 October 1658, referring the case to Council. [2½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

46. I. *Certificates by George and Fras. Duncumb, Roger Scattergood, Wm. Lingham, and Edw. Lorrington, to the good conduct of Davies, and to his not being a priest.* 29 *and* 31 *August, and* 1 *and* 2 *September* 1658. [1¾ *pages.*]

46. II. *Certificate by Miles Blount and* 15 *other inhabitants of Covent Garden, that they have known him many years*

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as a lodger in that parish, and have not the least reason to suspect him for a priest. He is 37 years old. 16 *signatures.* 24 *Sept.* 1658. [1 *page.*]

46. III. *Certificate by Edw. Field that he was no Popish priest.* 29 *Sept.* 1658. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

46. IV. *Certificate by Peter Smith that Thos. Robotham, who accused Davies, has been 3 times committed to prison for apprehending and discharging Papists without authority.* [1 *page.*]

Jan. 20. Note of order in Council for his release. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 12.]

Jan. 20. **47.** Petition of John Beere to Council. Since the Spanish war, I was taken prisoner by the Spaniards, and agreed to be exchanged for 2 prisoners in Chelsea College; and to ensure my liberty, 2 Spanish merchants bound themselves in 200*l.* for my delivery. Though the Spaniards were discharged, I was obliged to pay 100*l.* for my liberty. I beg an order to the Navy Commissioners to deliver me the merchants' bond, that I may reimburse myself the 100*l.* [1 *page.*]

Jan. 20. **48.** Order thereon that the Admiralty Commissioners deliver him the bond, and that he put it in suit at his own charge. [1 *page.*]

[Jan. 20.] **49.** Petition of Grizell Williamson, sister of Maj.-Gen. Rob. Overton, prisoner in Jersey, to the Protector. Since my late attendance on you in my brother's behalf, I have lost my dear husband, and become too weak to solicit personally, but I hear that my brother's health so decays as that his death may soon prevent your compassion. I beg that after 4 years' confinement, you would order his release, before he, his great family of children, and his affairs be all ruined. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 20. **50.** Like petition to the same effect. [1 *page.*]

[Jan. 20.] Note of an order in Council negativing his removal. [*Index, I.* 84, *cols.* 31, 44.]

Jan. 20. **51.** Report of the Committee on the petition of Major Elatson that a 21 years' lease should be granted him of a house and a small plot of ground within the castle walls of Liverpool, at 10*l.* a year rent; with note of its reading in Council, and an order. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page; I.* 84, *col.* 14.]

Jan. 20. **52.** Order in Council—on report from the Mardike Committee of clothes provided for the forces in Flanders—that the Admiralty Commissioners provide a vessel to transport them to Dunkirk, and report her name, that the said Committee may send trusty persons to view them, and see them embarked. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Jan. 20. Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

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Secretary Thurloe's account, and his money due on the foot thereof. [*Col.* 41.]

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Commission for the trial of Pirates referred. [*Col.* 33.]
John Emery's accounts transferred to the auditor of imprests. [*Col.* 14.]
Josiah Goddard's exchange reported. [*Col.* 19.]
Keepers of the Great Seal sworn, and the seal delivered and entered in Chancery. [*Col.* 19.]
Lady Inchiquin's petition referred. [*Col.* 23.]
Eliz. Lilburne's petition referred. [*Col.* 26.]
An advocate of the Army established. [*Col.* 1.]
Establishment and pay for the Judge Advocate. [*Cols.* 14, 23.]
The arrears of alnage to be got in, and the patent amended. [*Col.* 1.]
The funeral goods to be sold. [*Col.* 16.]
Duke of Lenox's alnage patent. [*Col.* 26.]
Hen. Norwood released on his bond. [*Col.* 29.]
The Parliament house furnished. [*Col.* 33.]
Sir Thos. Armstrong's release negatived. [*Col.* 1.]
40*l.* gratuity to John Hollinson. [*Col.* 21.]
The Treasury Commissioners to look into the patents reserving rent. [*Col.* 41.]
Wm. Broome turned over to a justice. [*Col.* 5.]
List of prisoners in Lambeth House, and Mr. Hardy's interest, referred. [*Cols.* 21, 26.]
John Nutt allowed his liberty on security. [*Col.* 29.]
Wm. Smith allowed his liberty on security. [*Col.* 38.]
Jas. Halsall's petition referred.
John Ashburnham's liberty negatived. [*Col.* 1.]
Capt. Hill and Edw. Rivers to have their liberty on security. [*Cols.* 21, 35.]
Dame Eliz. Pawlett for John Ashburnham. [*Col.* 33.]
4*s.* a week for John Peirce. [*Col.* 33.]
The Army and Navy accounts to be returned to the Committee. [*Cols.* 1, 29.]
The farmers of excise in cos. Hants, Berks, &c., referred to Commissioners for regulations, to re-enter. [*Col.* 14.]
Report on the Jersey appeal about wool. [*Col.* 23.]
Augmentation to Souldrop. [*Col.* 38.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 318–329.]

Jan. 21. **53.** Petition of Elizabeth, widow of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne, to the Protector and Council. Having long suffered heavy afflictions, I hoped that my husband's death would have been the last of my piercing sorrows. But I find the means for my children's maintenance perplexed by an unexampled Act of Parliament of 30 January 1651–52, fining my husband 7,000*l.*—3,000*l.* assigned to the State and 4,000*l.* to 5 gentlemen,—*viz.*, 2,000*l.* to Sir Arthur Heselrigg, 500*l.* each to Messrs. Winslow, Russell, Squibb, and Mullins,—when, his debts duly weighed, he was not worth 500*l.* The only provocation for such a fine was his delivering a petition for Josiah Primate, for whom he

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was counsel, about a colliery which Sir Art. Haselrigg would have had sequestered. The Commissioners for Compounding gave the case against Primate, and he petitioned Parliament for relief. My husband did not draw the petition, but only delivered it. Primate was fined 7,000*l.* and sent to the Fleet, but he soon got out, and gained his colliery, and this adds to my vexations.

Your late father professed very great tenderness to me, and persuaded Sir Arthur to return the estate he had taken from me, and this he lately did (though the perverseness of tenants prevent my having much profit from it). His Highness also remitted the part allotted to the State, and willed the Commissioners to remit the other parts allotted to them. He also granted me a pension, which by your great favour is continued, or I and mine might have perished. Sir Art. Haselrigg has relinquished 2,000*l.*, and Mr. Squibb 500*l.*, their shares of my husband's fine, but the other assignees will not follow their example. I was advised to address Parliament to repeal the Act, but omitted it in your father's lifetime. I beg you to discharge the 3,000*l.* due to the State, and to recommend Parliament to repeal the Act, that after 17 years' sorrows, I may have a little rest and comfort among my fatherless children. With note of reference. [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. 21. **54.** Order in the Committee of Council to whom her petition is referred, that Attorney-General [Prideaux] and Solicitor-General [John Maynard] certify how his Highness may legally discharge the fine, in case he thinks fit to do it; and their report 22 January, that his Highness may discharge the 3,000*l.*, but unless the parties concerned will discharge the other parts of the fine, they can only be discharged by Parliament. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 21. Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay. **55.** Vice-Admiral Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have received your resolution for revictualling and cleaning the ships that are at Chatham and Woolwich, as also for the revictualling the Nantwich, Assurance, Adventure, and Expedition, at Harwich.

A few days since, Chas. Hatsell, master of the Prosperous, laden with provisions for the Richard, was put upon this coast by contrary winds and foul weather, and desiring a convoy to the Downs, I granted him the Adventure; upon her return, I will send her to Harwich, but she has been there once since our last coming in, and received 2 months' provisions. The master shipwright, with the bricklayer who sets up the furnaces, has been out again to survey the brickwork of the Newcastle's furnaces, which was found so cracked and broken that it was proposed to send her to Harwich to have it repaired. Mr. Grassingham stated there was only this man could do such work, and he upon the least motion of the sea is sick and not able to work. I have ordered the victualler to deliver her the victuals intended for the Nantwich, which has gone to Woolwich or Chatham to repair her cables.

I have had another survey made of the Newberry and Speaker, which are both much shaken with the foul weather. These ships

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and all the rest here could be better repaired in the Hope or Queenborough water in one day than here in 6, and more provisions and ballast put aboard in the same time, besides the risk of the provisions running down in small deep-laden vessels, at this time of year, and the convenience of washing, tallowing, and manning. If for the East Seas, the same wind that will carry us hence will bring us thence.

If you intend a smaller squadron to go over first, I propose keeping the Forester and Expedition for convoys, and the Torrington and Portsmouth, or some others of good force, to be placed in their stead. I have informed Sir Rich. Stayner of your pleasure; he will wait on you and give a fuller account of affairs than can be imparted by writing. Understanding the furnaces of the Newberry must be reset, I will send her to Queenborough water or the Hope. [2 *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

55. I. *Survey by Roger Eastwood, H. M. Lowes, and 3 others, of the furnaces of the Newberry which they find so defective that they must be reset, and the knee of her head, which is started, be rebolted.* [1 *page.*]

Jan. $\frac{2}{3}\frac{1}{1}$. Pe[rcy] Ch[urch] to Sec. Nicholas. I send a letter in an unknown cypher which came for my friend. Thanks for my last bill, paid by Mr. Fox's care. Letters from England say that the Spanish fleet has arrived at the Canaries, and that Fras. Rous, a privy councillor to Cromwell, is dead. It is believed next Parliament will produce wonderful changes, wherein his present Highness is likely to be the greatest sufferer. There have been great disputes about the elections in most parts, and now the chief seamen begin to talk loud, saying what needs any other army than the trained bands as formerly, for they are the men that fight, run all hazards, and defend the Commonwealth, while others grow rich by polling the people. * * *

When *Will Loving* arrives, *Lord Jermyn* will, it's likely, have all he knows, but I expect nothing good or true from *such an infamous fellow,* who had *his Majesty's honoured title of baronet.* It would deter *all honest and gallant men from seeking that dignity.* [*Extract, Flanders correspondence. Italics, cyphers decyphered.*]

Jan. 22. **56.** Petition of Major Neh. Bourne to the Protector. Being encouraged by a proviso in the statute of Elizabeth,—that the Act prohibiting buildings shall not extend to houses within a mile of a sea or navigable river, if inhabited by sailors or persons employed in furnishing or in victualling ships—I built 4 years ago on waste ground on Thames bank, and made a new drydock and shipwrights' yard, for laying up hemp, pitch, tar, &c., and also workmen's houses, for which the Parliament Commissioners for New Buildings demand of me 300*l.* Being tender of giving offence, I would rather submit to this judgment, than by demurring encourage others to dispute authority; but to do this, I beg an order from the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Treasurer, to pay me a debt of 500*l.* due for shipping taken up for Parliament in 1644, out of the proceeds of the sale of decayed ships or provisions. With note of reference, and of order in Council on 22 January. [1 *page; also I.* 84, *col.* 5.]

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Jan. 22. **57.** Report by Nath. Fiennes and John Lisle, Commissioners of the Great Seal, on the petition of John Thompson, late clerk of the petty bag in Chancery,—representing his charge in making out summonses for Parliament, and 3 several times for Scotland and Ireland, which were more than formerly made, and requesting some salary therefor—recommending a grant of 100*l.* and a salary of 40*l.* a year, as Mr. Giles, a master in Chancery, finds that Thompson's fees have been reduced from 470*l.* to 70*l.* by the taking away of the Court of Wards, whilst his labour has been increased by the alterations in the writs for Parliament, the copying out of ancient writs for precedents, &c. With note of an order in Council thereon of 25 Jan., to grant the 100*l.* [1 *page; also I.* 84, *col.* 41.]

Jan. 22. **58.** Order in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners and Army Committee attend the Committee of Council appointed to prepare for Parliament an account of the revenue and public charge, with their accounts, that the Committee may be enabled to perfect them. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

[Jan. 22.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Count Cerillac's papers referred. [*Col.* 8.]

Lord Whitelock sworn [Commissioner of the Great Seal]. [*Col.* 44.]

Augmentation for Abergwilly, Ottery St. Mary, and Plympton Mary. [*Cols.* 1, 31, 33.]

Augmentation for Dr. Cleyton out of Windsor revenue. [*Col.* 8.]

2,000*l.* allowed to Major Geo. Scutt at the Exchequer. [*Col.* 38.]

The Ordnance officers to deliver 50 barrels of powder for the regiments of the army. [*Cols.* 1, 31.]

The title to the Stillyard referred. [*Col.* 38.]

Fire and candle for the guards at the Mews. [*Col.* 19.]

The petition of the reduced Flanders soldiers referred.

Persons whose horses are to be transported [to or from] Flanders. [*Col.* 16.]

Arrears of Capt. Johnson, storekeeper in Flanders, referred. [*Cols.* 16, 23.]

40*l.* to be paid to the halberdiers of the High Court of Justice. [*Col.* 21.]

The names of the Commissioners for Recusants referred. [*Col.* 8.]

Augmentation to Windsor; Windsor almshouses, to certify the augmentation; the approbation of the Commissioners' order for 200*l.* a year, referred. [*Col.* 44.]

Cole apprehended for counterfeiting debentures.

An office opened for registering debentures. [*Cols.* 8, 10.]

Warrants renewed for the prisoners in the Tower. [*Col.* 33.]

55*l.* 16*s.* to Capt. Saberton, for Lord Whalley's regiment. [*Cols.* 38, 44.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 331–340.]

Jan. 22. **59.** Order by the Protector in Council that,—whereas the endowment of the Professor of Physic in Oxford University is but 50*l.* a year,

and Parliament added 2,000*l.* a year out of tithes and impropriations of rectories for increase of maintenance to Masters of colleges in both universities, but none has been made to the professors; and whereas the late Protector, for maintenance of the poor knights of Windsor and other pious uses, ordered the profits of all the said rectories, &c., above 1,086*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* already charged thereon, to be at his disposition for such uses,—the governor of the new Windsor almshouses pay to Dr. Thos. Cleyton, professor of physic at Oxford, ——— yearly from the said revenues, on account of his merit and the trouble attending his office, to the great diminution of his practice. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 24. Richard, Downs.

60. Rear-Admiral Jno. Bourne to Robt. Blackborne. I sent over to Dunkirk directions to the captain of the Wakefield, to land the remainder of Col. Salmon's regiment at Harwich, but I have since heard that Lord Lockhart does not intend discharging them at present, and has ordered the frigate, in company with another, to sail towards Blackenburgh, for some time. As to the boatswain of the Assistance, I shall give directions to the commander, upon the first opportunity of any of our men-of-war coming into the Downs, but he and the Selby had sailed back to their station before Ostend before yours came to hand.

Having received an order from his Highness to appoint a frigate to carry over Dan. Skinner, and Benj. Delaunay, Esq., to Holland, on his service, I have deputed the Nightingale, there being no other in the Downs except the Richard. The Cherrington has sailed to Seine head with her convoy, and the Guinea is ordered for Portsmouth. Our month's victuals has arrived, having been forced to leeward as far as Sole Bay, with the loss of cables and anchors, but they arrived in time, our men being then at half allowance. Capt. Pierce of the Guinea having been long absent from his relations, and having settled the business of his ship at Portsmouth, I have granted him 2 or 3 days' leave of absence, to go to London, and advised him to wait upon you for commands. Supposing the Nightingale may meet with the Assistance, I have asked Capt. Sparling to send his boatswain by him, as likely to be the soonest convenience. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 24. Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay.

61. Vice-Admiral W. Goodson to [the Navy Commissioners]. I sent you an account of the wants of this ship, as an anchor and cable, and a suit of lanterns for the poop; of the Speaker's wanting 2 cables and 2 anchors, and the Gloucester 2 cables; their commanders have been with me to know whether they may expect a supply, and therefore I desire to be informed. The carpenters on the ships complain of the great want of nails, accrued by the foul weather, which caused a great expense; besides our boats, through the badness of the watering here, are often under repair, and there is a want of a hawser and a pinnace, the new one built at Chatham having been broken away by the Bridgwater running on board us.

I understand that it is the Commissioners' intention to revictual their ships here, which in my judgment will require a great deal of time, and will not be without a great deal of hazard of the loss and

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spoiling of provisions; on our first going out, an extra quantity of tallow was ordered, but as it was not to be found in the stores, we shall now have a greater want of it if we revictual without cleaning. I enclose a letter from the Admiralty Commissioners about a little money I have disbursed, and desire to know whether you have received any such order as therein mentioned, and whether a bill has been made out, as I have not yet received it. I also send a receipt for a cable and anchor, spared to Mr. Dennis from the Nantwich in the Downs. [1½ *pages.*]

Jan. 25. **62.** Petition of And. Riccard, governor, and the Levant Company, to the Protector. Emboldened by your goodness on our great loss of the Aleppo Merchant, cast away at Padstow, Cornwall, we begged leave to bring to London free of charge the goods we might recover, which you granted us 11 Jan., but your order was not effectual, as not including excise as well as customs. We beg entire freedom from duty, having suffered not only by this sad disaster, but by the barbarous practices of the rude inhabitants, for by the time the damaged goods arrive here, they will hardly countervail the charges on them. Your late father granted the same thing 3 Dec. 1656, on a much less mishap to the Stambolene. We beg your orders accordingly to the officers at Padstow. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 25. Note of the granting of a discharge in Council. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 2.]

Jan. 25. **63.** Petition of Maj. Jno. Wigan to the Protector and Council, for payment of his arrears of 200*l.* out of his discoveries of moneys, goods, or lands concealed. Was employed in Scotland, but retired when that affair was settled. Some time after, his late Highness and Council gave order to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers to allow him 100*l.* a year, which he had before going into Scotland, with arrears since his resignation of military employment, but the Trustees allege they want power to pay the arrears. With note of Council order. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 25. **64.** Order in Council that the Ordnance officers deliver to Lord Barkstead, lieutenant of the Tower, 50 barrels of powder with match, for the regiments quartering in and about London, to be issued on directions from Lord Fleetwood. [⅔ *page.*]

[Jan. 25.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Interest allowed to Maj. Rob. Cobbet for 2,720*l.* [*Col.* 8.]

The Nevis prisoners at Bristol sent up and referred, and Maj. Russell's commission recalled. [*Col.* 29.]

Lord Fitzwilliam's papers referred. [*Col.* 16.]

Lieut.-Col. Stephens' report about lands in Ireland. [*Col.* 38.]

7,000*l.* of the funeral charges to be paid out of Stepney, &c. [*Col.* 16.]

Report of the Committee on Hackney and Stepney purchasers. [*Col.* 21.]

Lord Craven's petition referred after denial. [*Col.* 8.]

171*l.* 17*s.* to Thos. Simons, for medals. [*Col.* 38.]

Buxton and several other places severed from Bakewell, co. Derby. [*Col.* 5.]

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Serjeant Birkhead to provide wood, &c. for the Parliament. [*Col.* 5.]
Firing provided for Parliament. [*Col.* 33.]
Math. Fleming as to excise in Scotland referred. [*Col.* 16.]
Alex. Pym's petition referred. [*Col.* 33.]
Letter about the revenue and payments in Scotland referred. [*Col.* 38.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 340–360.]

Jan. 25. **65.** Receipt by Geo. Rawden, of Rawden, co. York, from Edward Viscount Conway and Kilultagh, by the hand of Mich. Harrison, of 2000*l.*, for which acquittances signed are in his hands, being the marriage portion of Dorothy, his wife, sister of Lord Conway. [¾ *page.*]

[Jan. 27.] London. **66.** List of the members of both Houses of Parliament who assembled on this day, including the members for Scotland and Ireland. [1 *sheet, broadside, printed; also printed, as to the Lower House, in Parliamentary History, Vol. XXI., pp.* 246–262.]

Jan. 27. The Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay. **67.** Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. Commander Bourne has been on board, and stated that if it was not found advisable that we should refit and victual in Hoseley Bay, we were to go to Queenborough or the Hope. I agree with him that going there will answer all ends. The Essex having 30 men sick on shore, and as many more on board, through the infection of Sir Geo. Ayscue's men, we have agreed to send her with the Forester to Harwich, and the Swiftsure and the others for Queenborough. I have sent on shore for pilots, and if they come on board, we intend sailing in the morning, weather permitting. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

67. I. *Account of the provisions on board the Swiftsure and 5 others, and the time they have been off the ground.* [1 *page.*]

Jan. 28. / Feb. 7. Passport by the King of France to the Earl of Bristol, now in the Low Countries and going to Rome, to travel with his servants, horses, and arms for their safety by Rheims, Troyes, Maçon, Villefranche, and other parts of Champagne, Burgundy, Lyonnois, and Dauphiny, towards Italy. [*Scrap, French correspondence.*]

Jan. 28. Centurion, Downs. **68.** Capt. Jonas Poole to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Almighty has been wonderfully gracious to us that we are living to give you this account. On 26th Dec. last, we arrived at the Scaw point in Jutland, and having little wind, anchored near, but were forced back through the ice by a violent easterly wind. We attempted twice for the Sound, but were forced back into the North Seas. The weather was stormy and impetuous, with abundance of snow, sleet, and ice, and seeing no possibility of accomplishing your

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desires, and being earnestly intreated by my officers not to further attempt so apparent a danger as the loss of both ship and lives, I resolved to return for England, which I have obtained, after being thrice beaten back between Yarmouth and Holland into the North Seas. I used my utmost endeavours to comply with your commands, but the season of the year, and the violence of the contrary winds, have prevented. We have 10 weeks' victualling on board; the packet you commended to my care I will keep until further order. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

68. I. *Proceedings of a Court held on board the Centurion, while at anchor off the Scaw, as to the question whether, with the little fair N.E. wind they then had, they could prosecute their voyage for Cronenburg or not, there being a hard frost, a great fog, and a great current, with newly congealed ice powerfully tumbling down out of the Belt into the north-north-east. With reply of Philip Newton, pilot, and the rest of the Court, that by reason of the thickness of the weather, strength of the current, the violent freezing and congealing of the ice all over the sea round about them, congealing their ropes over head, notwithstanding men were sent up each watch with handspikes, trunnels, &c., to break off the frost and ice from the standing and running rigging, &c., which, freezing more and more, would not be serviceable in case they find an opportunity to sail, yet they will, nevertheless, wait a little longer, though with hazard, in hope of prosecuting their voyage; but in case there be no alteration of weather before night, they must, for preservation of the ship and their lives, put back to sea, out of the way of the force and power of the stream, and current of the ice.* 27 *Dec.* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

68. II. *Certificate of Philip Newton, pilot, and 7 other officers of the Centurion, that Capt. Jonas Poole having conferred with them as to again attempting to get into the Sound, according to his orders, and they being deeply sensible of the great danger already escaped, when last at anchor near the Scaw, and in forcing their way through the ice with violent easterly winds, have desired the captain not to attempt it again until the season and weather promise some probabiliy of performance, as in returning for England, the frigate may be useful to his Highness, whereas by keeping at sea, she would become disabled;* 6 *Jan.* 1658-59. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 29. **69.** Order in Council that—whereas by an order of 8 January, the Army Committee were required to give their warrant to the Treasurers-at-war to ship 20,000*l.* for Scotland, for service of the forces there, sending it in waggons to Aldborough; but now Lord Montague acquaints Council that on consulting the Admiralty Commissioners, his Highness thinks it had better be shipped from Harwich—the money be so shipped, in such vessel as the Admiralty Commissioners appoint. [1 *page.*]

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[Jan. 29.] Pension of 10*s.* a week to Eliz. Pike. [*Col.* 33.]
Major Rob. Harly's petitions and box delivered. [*Col.* 21.]
Augmentations to Beaminster, Blandford, Hayling, Newark, Stoke-by-Clare, and Southwell. [*Cols.* 5, 21, 29, 38.]
Stoke Orchard united to Tredington (co. Gloucester). [*Cols.* 38, 41.]
Sewdley united to Winchcomb (co. Gloucester). [*Cols.* 38, 44.]
Durham petition concerning John Hall. [*Col.* 10.]
Commissioners for ejection of scandalous Ministers in Suffolk. [*Col.* 28]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 351–353.]

Jan. 29. **70.** Order in the Admiralty Committee that—as Rob. Saunders, late captain of the Triumph, has been convicted by a court-martial of leaving his station in the Mediterranean, being one of Capt. Stoakes' squadron, and bringing his fleet home without orders, on which he was cashiered the fleet, and sentenced to imprisonment during pleasure—the said sentence should be duly executed, and Council requested to order his close imprisonment. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Jan. 29. Bristol. **71.** Thos. Shewell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have furnished the Grantham with 2 cables and harbour victuals, and some provisions going aboard of her to-day, the lighter was cast away in a storm, the provisions lost, and a man drowned. I have sent a further supply for 2 days, and shall take care as to what is wanting. I have also sent the letter for the master, who is very sick on board, and the captain and purser not having arrived, there is much doubt as to their safety. The ship has been damaged in her hull since she came into harbour, and as much requires to be done, I am daily sending things on board, and have ordered her sails on shore to be mended.

Here are 14 soldiers who were brought from the island, contrary to order, and who, for want of victuals, have been sent on shore; I have given them conduct money, and sent them on for London, also 13 men who were wounded at Rio Nova [Nuevo?], and brought in this ship. I have hitherto begged for them, and not knowing what to do with them, sent them to the mayor, who gave them a pass to beg, and 5*s.*, which is Bristol charity to such as serve the State. What am I to do with them in order to their passing to London? [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

71. I. *Demand by Edw. Alford, boatswain, of cables, anchors, and other stores, to carry the ship to London. The Grantham, January* 29, 1658–59. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

71. II. *Demand by Fisher Harding, carpenter, of timber, tar, oakum, nails, &c., the ship being leaky and much out of repair. The Grantham, Jan.* 29, 1658–59. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Jan. 31. **72.** Thos. Shewell to the Admiralty Commissioners. There being work to be done to the hull of the Grantham, I have spoken to Dan. Furzer to do it, judging it most for the benefit of the State, as the materials are their own. The soldiers whom I sent to our mayor for relief, but he would only give them 5*s.* and a pass to

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beg, will not part the town without money to carry them to London, and this evening more are sent on shore that are cripples, and cannot help themselves, but are carried on men's backs. The magistrates will take no care for them, having charity to the State's soldiers as much as they would have to so many crippled dogs, and they are sent to me, so that I cannot keep my house in peace. It grieves my heart that men in their condition should have no provision made for them, and I have given them 40*s.*; as the magistrates will do nothing for them, I beseech you to give me order what to do. Your letter to the mayor, taking notice how the State's soldiers in their distress are slighted, will quicken them, as fear may produce something; love they have none, either for them, or the interest they suffer for by serving you. Conceal my name, but I will affirm at all times, whensoever called to do it. [1 *page.*]

[Jan.] **73.** Petition of Dorothy Chiffinch, laundress and sempstress for the body linen, to the King. My predecessor, Mrs. Freeman, was allowed at Paris 4 livres the day, and a place provided to perform her service, and I had 20 sous a day for mending your laced linen, and for making, I was paid by the piece, at the rate set by the Queen; but when I had both places, I was content with the 4 livres, so that it might be paid constantly, because of my charge in keeping servants to do the work, and that I might have a place provided. This was done by Sir Hen. Wood constantly, but before you left Paris, I was 1,786 livres in arrears, for which I obtained this order, which I accepted on a promise to be paid precisely every month, though I had paid interest for most of the money. Yet I am now more in arrears than before, and the rent of the laundry unpaid, though Sir Edw. Nicholas gave your order to Mr. Fox to pay it, so that I am threatened with arrest for borrowed money.

I beg monthly payment with the kitchen and stables, and some course for my arrears. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

73. I. *Order to Mr. Fox to pay her* 100 *livres monthly, until the arrears of* 1,786 *livres are discharged, and* 4 *livres a day in future. Cologne,* 31 *Oct.* 1654. [½ *page, copy.*]

73. II. *Note of further arrears become due in the* 38 *months since that order passed,* 4,522 *livres* 17 *sous, of which only* 388 *livres is paid; also of the rent of the laundry,* 93 *dollars* 5 *shillings.* [1½ *pages.*]

Jan. **74—128.** Receipts for moneys paid by Sec. Thurloe or by his order for foreign intelligence, from 16 September 1657. [55 *papers.*]

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[Feb. 1.] **1.** Act of recognition by the 2 Houses of Parliament of the title of Richard Cromwell to the Protectorate.

Whereas your Highness lawfully succeeded to the government of your late father, to the joy of your people, testified by their general consent, though this be ample satisfaction of the people's hearty acknowledgment of you, yet we think fit to make this recognition, and we pray that it be enacted that you are the lawful Protector and Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and by all people, high and low, to be obeyed accordingly. [1 *page, draft.*]

Feb. 1. Portsmouth. **2.** Capt. Robt. Sansum, commander, and the officers of the Portsmouth, to the Admiralty Commissioners. There are several false informations given to you concerning the two ships lately taken, which came from the Canaries under our convoy. We did all we could to protect and keep together the whole of our convoy, and the worst sailers amongst them might and did keep up with us until they made the English coast. We cannot understand by what means the 2 ships commanded by Strafford and Taylor were lost, unless it was by their tacking from us in the night. We spent the next day in expectation of their coming up, not knowing whether they were to windward or leeward, after which, the wind being fair, we kept on our course up the Channel with the rest of the fleet, and arrived in the Downs on the 3rd ult., supposing they might have been there before. With deposition to the truth of the above, before Hugh Salisbury, deputy mayor of Portsmouth. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

2. I. *Examination of Barth. Capel, master's mate of the Portsmouth, before J. Fowler, Judge Advocate of the Fleet. On* 28 *December last, the whole fleet that came from the Canaries under convoy of the Portsmouth, being* 10 *sail of merchantmen, were all near together; but some being astern, the Portsmouth shortened sail to stay for them, and the like was done by all the others then on head. Next morning the Portsmouth made St. Pol de Leon and the Isle of Bass on the French coast, the wind varying, and then tacked and stood over for the English coast, all the merchant ships being together save one, which, on the Portsmouth bearing towards her, appeared, by putting forth her flag, to be a Hamburgher; whereupon the Portsmouth kept on her course for the English shore, and at* 4 *p.m., laid her foresail to the mast, as was her usual manner, to stay for the sternmost vessels. Some of her convoys being about a league to windward, the Portsmouth made a waft with her antient, for them to come under her stern, to speak with Capt. Robt. Sansum, the commander, which several of them did; but one, of which Rich. Clerke was master, kept on her course, and is now safe in the river. To such as bore up, Capt. Sansum gave order that, in case the wind hung easterly and blew,*

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he would then bear for Scilly, for their better security, to which they consented. Two of the convoys, of which Zachariah Taylor and one Strafford were masters, were then likewise in company, but did not then speak with Capt. Sansum.

He kept on his course, the Portsmouth having only a pair of courses with her mizen abroad, and night coming on, he put out two lights. Seeing a vessel with a light a mile to leeward, which he thought was one of his convoys, he stood towards her, and so near that the vessel took in her light and steered with the fleet, whereupon they all kept on their course, most of the Portsmouth's sails being hauled up most of the night. Finding the next morning they were near land, the Portsmouth's foresail was laid by the mast, and so let drive till daylight, so that they could see the land. Having made such small sail all night, many of the fleet could not keep astern, and the worst sailer in the fleet was both ahead and to windward of the convoyer, and with the rest, came safe to port. The Portsmouth also put a light in the fore shrouds, besides those in the poop, to give better notice of her staying as aforesaid, being then 3 *or* 4 *leagues from land, and at daylight stood into Mount's Bay with the rest of the fleet, being then* 7 *in all, Zachariah Taylor and Mr. Strafford being then missing. Since coming to London, has seen Strafford, who stated that he and Taylor tacked between* 12 *and* 1 *o'clock a.m. on the* 29*th; and on demanding what moved him so to do, he replied, "What! Should we have run ashore?"* 2 *February* 1658–59, *Whitehall.* [1⅔ *pages.*]

2. II. *Examination of Rich. Clarke, master of the Red Horse pink, and* 5 *other shipmasters, before the Admiralty Commissioners. There was no neglect or default on the part of Capt. Sansum, who had much difficulty to keep his convoy together, outwards as well as inwards. Cannot understand how the* 2 *ships commanded by Strafford and Taylor were taken by the enemy, but believe it was through their tacking about in the night, by which they lost their convoyer, which Strafford has since admitted.* 4 *February* 1658–59. [2½ *pages.*]

2. III. *Order in the Admiralty Committee, for Rich. Clarke and* 8 *other masters of ships which lately came from the Canaries, under convoy of Capt. Sansum of the Portsmouth, to attend the Committee on the* 4*th inst. at Whitehall, at* 9 *a.m., to give evidence upon oath before the Judge Advocate as to the carriage of Capt. Sansum for their security homewards, and by what means* 2 *ships of the fleet were left destitute of a guard, which occasioned their loss. Whitehall,* 3 *February* 1658–59. [1 *page, copy.*]

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Feb. 1. Custom House, London. **3.** Commissioners of Customs to the Admiralty Commissioners. We send the depositions touching the Sorlings frigate, and leave them to your consideration. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

3. I., II. *Examinations of Thos. Browning, master of the Dorothy of London, and Jno. Harper, master of the Charity of Yarmouth. Last September, sailed from London with laden ships for Bordeaux, Rochelle, and other parts of France, and on arriving in the Downs, met Capt. Morris, commander of the Sorlings, who convoyed them over, and then returned to Plymouth. About 7 weeks afterwards, the Sorlings, by direction of Capt. Hatsell, came to St. Martin's, with 2 other frigates, to meet examinants, and such other laden ships as were bound homewards, when they saw 5 tons of tin unshipped from her into a shallop, or French boat, and Browning saw her boats employed in carrying several casks of wine, brandy, and vinegar on board, which was brought over in her when she convoyed the fleet from Bordeaux to Plymouth, and was there stayed, 7 January,* 1658–9. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

Feb. 2. Bristol. **4.** Thos. Shewell to the Admiralty Commissioners. The captain and purser of the Grantham have arrived, and gone on board, but most of her men have fallen sick. With regard to her maimed men before alluded to, I have pressed the business so close to the magistrates that they have consented to advance money to send them up to London in wagons. I must confess I was in a great passion to see poor men who had hazarded their lives and lost their limbs in the service of the State so little regarded, which forced me to write as I did; but now something will be done for them. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Feb. 3. Cockermouth. **5.** Thos. Smith to Williamson. As Lamplugh is so full of business, pray bespeak some things I have written to him for, to be sent down by Peter. He will pay all. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page, damaged.*]

Feb. 4. The Gainsborough. **6.** Joshua Scarlet to Capt. N. Heaton. I admit my guilt, but intreat your favour to consider my poor condition, and in justice to remember mercy, being a poor man with a sickly wife and 2 young children, which necessitated my employing a maid to help her, and tend upon the children. I am heartily sorry that I have sinned against the Lord, and those friends that conferred this employment on me, but will make it my utmost endeavour to watch my heart for the future, with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life and death. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

6. I. *Warrant by Capt. N. Heaton to Mr. Shepherd, master, and 5 other officers of the Sorlings, to make a strict survey of the remainder of the gunner's stores on board, and send him an account, as also one to Capt. Morris, the commander, and retain another for production when required. The Gainsborough, Feb.* 2, 1658–59. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

6. II. *Inventory by Jno. Kenton and 3 others of the gunner's stores on board the Sorlings. 2 Feb.* 1658–59. [1 *sheet.*]

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6. III. *Examination of Joshua Scarlet, gunner of the Sorlings. On Tuesday last, at 3 a.m., went on board in a boat, having the key of the powder room, and a candle and lantern, and brought away 3 barrels of powder; but in making for the shore at Plymouth, was boarded by a custom house officer, who seized the powder and carried it to the custom house. None of the gunroom crew were in the powder room at the time, except such as were asleep in their cabins.* 3 *Feb.* 1658–9. [1 *page.*]

6. IV. *Like examination of Peter Clements, late yeoman of the powder room on board the Sorlings. Being desired by Scarlet to assist him in putting the powder into the boat from the ship, he being the gunner, did as commanded, but is not aware of any similar removals. The Gainsborough in Catwater,* 3 *Feb.* 1658–9. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 5. The Greyhound, Torbay.

7. Capt. Jeremy Country to the Admiralty Commissioners. I set sail from Spithead, with my convoys bound for Plymouth, on the 2nd instant, and being off Dartmouth on the 4th, we fell in with the Straitsmen and Indiamen bound out, which, by reason of the contrary winds, bore up for this place. Leaving the small vessels with them, I stood off to sea, having seen some guns fired in the offing, which I supposed to be an engagement; but before I could get half way to them, the fight was over. It was between an Ostend man-of-war and a flyboat of London, bound for Lisbon, of 400 tons and 16 or 18 guns, with two others, one of 20 guns, bound to the same place, and the other a small vessel of Plymouth, commanded by Mr. Thomas, who was going home with provisions for the victualling office there, as also much grocery ware, and from whom I had this relation.

The man-of-war came in amongst them, and fought the flyboat, the other not firing a gun in his defence, and at last surprised him, which having done, he pursued the others also, but they being some distance asunder, he tried hard after the Plymouth man, and had brought him by the lee, even as I came up, but seeing us so near, had not the time to go or send on board, but left her with only the master on board, the rest of the company having taken the boat and rowed away. After I had secured the vessel, I followed the man-of-war, but ere I could come up with him, he had met with his prize and very strongly manned her, and laid by her, it being almost night; by the time we had passed two or 3 broadsides it was dark, and having our foremast shot through, we could not bear sail to come up with them, and in the night lost them, it proving much wind and thick weather.

The man-of-war, who had 16 guns, did not do us much damage in the hull, the most being 2 shots under water, which we soon stopped, but we lost our master's mate, and had 3 men wounded. To-day we came in here to the convoys, and to fish our mast, so as to hold until we gain Plymouth. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 7. The Richard, Downs.

8. Rear-Admiral Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The wind and weather were so bad last Saturday that I could not

send up the 100 seamen from the ship, even if any ships of the squadron had come in; but the Hawk and Eaglet arriving yesterday, I mustered them and made choice of 60 of the ablest, whom with their clothes I have dispatched this morning in those ketches, as also 25 of such of the prisoners as were fit for sea service; the remaining 19 I have dismissed on parole.

At the return of the Hawk, if I understand that any ships of the fleet have fallen down to Queenborough Water or the Hope, I will hasten away the other 40 to make up the 100; as I have no tickets to discharge any more, I crave a supply. I shall endeavour my utmost to complete this ship's complement with able seamen, and also gain as many supernumeraries as I possibly can, both from ships passing this way and from the shore in the places adjacent. I am promised a few from Deal, and understand that there are some at Dover, but hard to be gained; none at Sandwich.

The Nightingale has come into Margate Road, and will repair to the Downs as soon as possible; having lost two anchors and a cable in a storm on the coast of Holland, her commander was forced to write to his Highness's Resident for a cable and anchor, and in returning to the Downs from Yarmouth Roads, whither she convoyed several vessels by the Resident's order, she struck upon the Suncke, and beat off her rudder; as she is also very weak in her bends, has her mainbeam broken, and her victuals nearly expended, I desire your pleasure concerning her. [2 *pages.*]

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8. I. *List of* 25 *prisoners sent up in the Eaglet ketch.* [1 *page.*]

8. II. *Promise and engagement by Peter Westeel and* 18 *other prisoners named, lately belonging to an Ostend man-of-war taken by an English frigate, and about to be released on parole, that on liberty being granted them to go home, in order to procure the release of the same number of English prisoners there, they will return in a month, and surrender as prisoners, if they do not make good such exchange. Richard, Downs,* 7 *Feb.* 1658–9. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 8. **9.** Order in Council that as there is urgent occasion for setting forth the fleet to sea, the Admiralty Commissioners execute all the powers committed to them in pressing men to man and set it forth. [½ *page, I.* 84, *col.* 16.]

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The Dragon, Downs.

10. Capt. Rich. Haddock to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have safely arrived with 8 sail under convoy from Teneriffe. I left on the 5th ult., with 10 sail under my charge, and we kept company together until we were shot into our channel. On Saturday last we met 4 sail of Hollanders flying to windward, the wind then at S.W.; we being the headmost ship then carrying the light, by desire of those under our charge, we stood with the headmost of them, having a light abroad, who said that he belonged to Flushing, and that 3 more in his company were bound for Bordeaux; but that our fleet might have notice of them, we fired a gun and put out another light (signal of our seeing ships more than our company) and clapped by for them to come up to us. By an accident, the wind blowing very hard, the headmost of these Hollanders ran on board one of our convoys, a flyboat of 250 tons, of which Mr. Runton was commander, and broke him down almost to the water, and the Hollander broke his own bowsprit and head. Nine of Mr. Runton's men, who ran away with his skiff, got on board one of our convoys, and say that when they parted with their ship accidentally, she made no increase of water, so that I hope she may be well, and I expect that the other ship (which was the Nicodemus, formerly the State's) may be with her, in regard that it was night when we lost them.

When we left Teneriffe, there were 6 English laden ships ready to come with us, and before we left, another of 22 guns from St. Domingo, laden with hides arrived and got in unseen by us, we then plying off with our merchant ships, being put out of their road by the N.W. winds that very often blow there. I have but 10 days' provisions, and as the frigate is very foul, I desire order as to going to Chatham. Since writing the above and clearing up of the fog, we see a ship coming after us which we judge to be Mr. Runton's. [1⅔ *pages.*]

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Great President, Plymouth.

11. Capt. Rich. Potter to the Admiralty Commissioners. On 20 November last, I received orders from Commissioner Hatsell to take all such ships under my charge as were bound to Rochelle and

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Feb. 8. Bordeaux; Capt. Cutings' son was master of one of them, another belonging to Dartmouth was freighted by Mr. Manyard of Totnes, and other gentlemen thereabouts. Coming upon the coast near Rochelle, and not being able to ply to windward, we were forced into St. Martin's, where we met with the Bordeaux fleet of 40 sail, for which I understood by my orders I was sent. After being detained there from Saturday to Monday, the masters of the Bordeaux fleet came on board to receive orders, and as they were very urgent to be going, I did not think fit to delay, and only waited for some vessels which were coming from Rochelle, and which came down the same day. Thereupon Mr. Cutings and Mr. Treeworthy came on board to see if I could go with them to Bordeaux, but I could not tell, as I had not full intelligence from the merchants and masters, and the wind presenting towards night, Messrs. Cuttings and Treeworthy set sail, and entering into the river of Bordeaux the next day, they were taken by the enemy and carried to St. Sebastian.

Mr. Manyard has sent to me demanding satisfaction for his losses, and says I shall be made an example, though the bringing of those ships to a place of safety when they went from me, and the further prosecuting of my orders after they were gone was the worst that I have done. He will make me a sufferer if he can, and not knowing what influence this may have on me through a misrepresenting thereof to you, and my own insufficiency to contend with persons of such interest, I crave your countenance while endeavouring to discharge the trust reposed in me by you. I have received orders to go for Rochelle, and I wait every opportunity to get away. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

11. I. *Order by Commissioner H[enry] H[atsell] to [the Captain of the Sorlings] to sail with the Oxford to Falmouth, and take charge of such vessels as are there bound for Bordeaux or Rochelle, and convoy them as near to those ports as he conveniently may, and then repair to St. Martin's Road and continue there until Capt. Rich. Potter of the President arrives, and then to observe his orders. Also to give notice to the merchants and masters of ships at Bordeaux and Rochelle to make all speed to be ready against the coming of Capt. Potter, whom he will appoint to join him, for the better security of the ships in those harbours bound for England.* 10 *Nov.* 1658. [½ *page, Copy.*]

11. II. *Warrant by the same to [Capt. Rich. Potter] to sail with his frigate, and take into his charge such vessels as are bound for Rochelle and Bordeaux, and convoy them as near to their respective ports as he may, and give notice to the merchants of Rochelle and Bordeaux of his coming upon the coast, and that he is appointed, with the Sorlings and Oxford, to convoy such ships as are laden there bound for England, and when in St. Martin's Road, where it is supposed he may meet the Sorlings*

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and Oxford, their commanders are to observe his orders for convoying of the ships at Bordeaux to him. When he has made a fleet of those ships bound homewards, he and the other frigates are to convoy them to the English coast, and when he comes off the Seames, he may give order to either of the captains of the Sorlings or Oxford to convoy such as are bound towards Bristol to the northward of Scilly, towards Lundy, and himself with the other frigate convoy such ships as are bound up the channel, which he is to see in safety as far to the eastward as the Downs, and then to return to Plymouth for orders. Plymouth, 20 *Nov.* 1658. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 9. The Richard, Downs.

12. Rear-Admiral Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Nonsuch ketch, while in the prosecution of her orders with a convoy to St. Valery on the 3rd inst., and when two leagues short of the place, met with two great sloops, which bore up with her, and after an hour's dispute, came on board her; yet they held out with pikes and small shot for two hours, till at length the enemy entered her with 60 men, so that they were forced to yield on quarter, Capt. Waltham and 16 more of his men being wounded, and were carried into Ostend on the 5th instant. The captain begs the release of himself and company by exchange.

As there are many men-of-war lately come out of Ostend, it may not be safe to send one of the small vessels of this squadron alone on convoy, without a 5th rate frigate. This I have been necessitated to, for want of frigates of that rate, and if a 5th and 6th rate be always appointed together, they will not only be defensive but offensive to the enemy. [1 *page.*]

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13. Capt. Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. I received your warrant for payment of the seamen sent down from London for manning the ships fitting out from this place, but there is no care taken to furnish me with money for carrying on the business. I have already disbursed 40*l.*, which I was constrained to borrow, and am at a very great strait for more. I have drawn my bill for imprest, and desire you to order that the money may be despatched to me, or I cannot avoid discontenting both commanders and seamen. Here were likewise 150 seamen sent from Queenborough by the Vice-admiral, to assist in rigging and fitting the ships, who were promised by himself and the commanders upon the place 12*d.* a day; they continued here 8 days, and the Commissioners promised to send me down money for them likewise, but none comes. Had I not been forced to disburse that money, to avoid their clamours, they being very unruly, I had not troubled you at present. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 10. The Newcastle, Harwich.

14. Capt. Edm. Curtis to the Admiralty Commissioners. Not having had an opportunity to sail according to Maj. Bourne's order, I have been to Ipswich with Capt. Tatnell, but cannot get any men; for as soon as they saw our boat appear, the seamen all ran out of the town. When we came up, we sent away the boat, because we

would not be mistrusted, and at night went to the bailiffs, acquainted them what our business was, showed them what occasion there was for men, and how well it could be resented if they could assist us in getting a good number; to this they said they would do as much as in them lay, but it was never known that there were any quantity got by pressing in the town, as it mostly consisted of masters and mates, and not of common seamen. We told them there must be a great many common men in their town, as there were more than 100 ships in the river fitting to go to sea. Seeing we were equal with them, they sent for the constables, who said as much as the bailiffs, and that they did not know 5 common seamen living in any of their wards. However the bailiffs gave them warrants to assist us, but we could not take above 5 men, although we had our boats come to us again with nearly 30 men to assist us, and went with them to most places of the town, but could find none. We are sure, notwithstanding what they told us, that there are abundance of able men.

Next morning we were informed there was no way to take them, unless it were by a special order to the bailiffs to get a fixed number, or else with foot soldiers. However, next day I sent up my men unknown to the bailiffs, with arms to see whether they could get any, but with notice to the constables to assist in case they should be affronted, being afraid to acquaint the bailiffs again, as they might be the occasion of the men running away; but when our men came up and began to press, and had taken a man or two, the town's people fell upon our men, and rescued them, by which means there was like to have been blood spilt had not our men been civil, and gone with them to the bailiff's. When they came before him, he asked them how they durst come into the town to press men, and bring arms with them, not acquainting him with it, yet acquainting the constables, and charged them to get out of the town, and would not help them to their arms, which were taken from them. I have written the bailiffs about it, and desired them to secure the persons that took the arms, and also to send down the arms to us, but have had no answer. So you may conceive that it is impossible for us to get men in these parts.

I intend to go out in the Sladway, to see whether I can get any men there, unless I receive further order in the interim. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 10. Chatham. **15.** Vice-Admiral Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. In pursuance of your order, I have been aboard the respective ships, and been pressing every man to his duty, but there is a complaint amongst them that the work is much obstructed by the petty warrant victualler. At Woolwich I find the men are victualled with fiery salt, old, and rusty meat, and this not only by report, but have seen and tasted some of it myself. At this place, when men have been at their labour all day, they cannot get provisions until night, and sometimes not then, and my own boat has been waiting this day for victuals, and received answer that they must stay while the bread is baked. I beg that these neglects and abuses may be redressed.

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I shall repair from station to station, and see that all things are carried on with life and vigour. There are 60 men come up from the Richard, 30 of which are aboard the Triumph, and the other 30 at present on board the Swiftsure. I shall dispose of them to those that most want. The easterly wind obstructs the going down of the ships that are ready, and the provisions, guns, &c., do not go aboard very fast, for want of men. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 12. Chatham. **16.** Capt. Phineas Pett to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received an order from the Navy Commissioners for payment of conduct money to such seamen as should appear at Chatham, to be entered on board the ships fitting out here, but as little care was taken for furnishing me with money, I applied to them, when they granted me a bill of imprest for 100*l.*, but which will not be paid without your special order, which I now ask. I have been at a very great strait for money, and was forced to borrow to carry on the business, otherwise discontents would have arisen, both from commanders and seamen; I therefore request your order for speedy payment of my bill, that I may repay what I have borrowed, and be able to carry on the business without complaints. My brother Pett gives me an account of your orders for 80*l.*, but I have disbursed almost as much to the company of the Swiftsure and Gloucester, and as I was likewise constrained to borrow that, I hope you will pardon my earnest solicitation. With note by Capts. Robt. Clarke, Rob. Nixon, Fras. Allen, and Edw. Blagge, that Capt. Pett has been very active and forward in the payment of the conduct money to able seamen, and that they are well assured he borrowed it to carry on the business, which otherwise would have been retarded. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 12. The Adventure, Harwich. **17.** Capt. Valentine Tatnell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I hope to be ready to sail on Wednesday. I hear from a Flushing man-of-war in the harbour that last Wednesday, Admiral de Ruyter sailed from the Texel towards the Sound, with 48 men-of-war, and that there are 7 more in Zealand ready to go after; that last Saturday, an English ketch with another ship sailed from Flushing, and being off Nieuport, a snow (as they call it) of 3 guns, and 2 sloops of a gun each, came up and took them, and sailed with them to Ostend. As soon as the Adventure is clear of the hulk, I will endeavour to get men. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Feb. 13. Tynemouth Castle. **18.** Capt. Jno. Topping to Robt. Blackborne. I was informed by Jno. Mason, master of the Falcon of Lynn, from Rotterdam, that he met a Dutch fisherman 7 leagues off Scarborough, who had spoken with two Ostend men-of-war of 8 and 10 guns each, and that they stood off to sea. I am also informed by Stephen Epps, merchant of Fowey, who came in the same ship, that when he left Rotterdam, and before the order for prohibition, the searchers had seized a Yarmouth pink bound for England, laden with all sorts of cordage, hemp, and saltpetre. That the States had sent for the fleet out of Copenhagen, hearing that many of the seamen were dead, and that there was a great mortality amongst them. That no fleet from Holland has yet gone for the Sound, but they were making

great preparations, and that it was reported at Shields that the Ostenders had taken 4 English coasters. Yesterday 30 sail of light colliers arrived from the south. [1 *page.*]

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19. Rear-Admiral Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have ordered the Nightingale for Dover, the Dragon for Chatham, sent up 40 more able seamen from the Richard by Capt. Haddock, and done my utmost to procure more from ships passing this way, as also from the shore. I have gained as many from Deal as could be procured by the deputy and his assistants, and a few from Sandwich and Dover; but those I sent to procure them got no advice or assistance to gain more than they met with. As for a supply of seamen from this squadron, they are but few, and what can possibly be expected from them will be but inconsiderable, besides the disabling the ships for service on occasion at this season; but I will improve all ways and means to get as many I can.

I have written the governor of Ostend about the release of Capt. Waltham and his men, and appointed the Wakefield to ply between Dunkirk and Blackenburg, but there is no other 5th rate frigate here undisposed of, or that will have any victuals on her return here to go immediately. I presume Lord Lockhart has sent the Merlin with Capt. Poyntz, until I send some other frigate to supply her room, according to my request to him. I have sent the Selby to accompany the Accadia hither from Rye, with many vessels laden with iron, and bound for Lynn, not daring to adventure Capt. Henfield alone on that service. I shall observe your order about Capt. Blagge's clothes and necessaries, as also as to the seamen that are coming to him from Plymouth. [1¾ *pages.*]

Feb. 14. Navy Office.

20. Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. The setting forth the present fleet has so exhausted the stores of all sorts of provisions that, unless there be a present supply of money to provide necessaries, there will be a full stop to your affair, for our credit is gone, and it is not now only as to some stores, but most. The hemp merchants deliver not what they have, because not paid for the former; timber, plank, cordage, and the like, not to be gotten, because no compliance with bills, nor bills of imprest for that purpose. Although we know that of late we have given good price for several provisions, yet now—men's stocks and credit being drawn out who have usually dealt with us,—other men will not deal upon any terms. We will do our part to our utmost, and we intreat you so effectually to represent the business that there may be some seasonable supply, to prevent an after enquiry where the fault was, of which yourselves cannot then but clear us. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 14. London.

Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. Wm. Pennoyer and other friends of Geo. Wells, an Englishman, who for 19 years has been a prisoner in the Grand Seignor's Bania, or elsewhere in Turkey, have procured from our State 60*l.* towards his release, with promise of the rest when he shall appear in England, and security to pay his charges up to 120*l.* We therefore desire you to further this

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matter, and arrange for his redemption at the lowest rate possible, it being a work of charity towards a poor Christian soul. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 318.]

[Feb. 15.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

400*l.* to be paid to Maj.-Gen. Kelsey for repairs at Dover. [*Cols.* 10, 24.]

Letter on the London assessment. [*Col.* 26.]

Clothes viewed and shipped for Flanders, and to be consigned to Lord Lockhart. [*Col.* 16.]

The Judges to be spoken with about putting off the assizes. [*Col.* 1.]

The Dutch ambassador's papers about the Falcon. [*Col.* 10.]

The Dutch commissioners to meet the Lord Ambassador. [*Col.* 10.]

5000*l.* to be paid to the messengers and officers of Council, on their petition. [*Cols.* 8, 28.]

Sir Hen. Jones discharged. [*Col.* 23.]

Augmentation to St. Olave's, Silver Street. [*Col.* 31.]

John Embree's accounts to be audited. [*Col.* 14.]

Capt. Green's ship discharged. [*Col.* 19.]

The petition and declaration of Capt. Geo. Moreton, agent for Nevis, referred. [*Cols.* 28, 29.]

The Queenborough hoymen freed from impress. [*Col.* 34.]

Letter about a meeting place at Taunton. [*Col.* 41.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 361–365.]

Feb. 15. Ipswich. **21.** Nich. Philips and Rob. Sparrow, bailiffs, to the Admiralty Commissioners. A complaint being made against us by Capt. Curtis, commander of the Newcastle frigate, we thought it our duty to clear our own innocency, much blurred by his untrue or at least mistaken suggestions.

Upon the 5th current [he] came up and intimated his desire for impressing of seamen; we thereupon, willing to evidence our readiness to assist the service, [sent to] the constables of every ward in the town, and issued out warrants [for] assisting the captain, which was done with effect, and as many taken as could be expected in such a juncture of time; for the captain's men coming up with the usual tumult, went to an ale house and there openly proclaimed they were to impress all the seamen they could lay hold of. The alarm being given, the young seamen either ran out of town or hid themselves, so that if they attached no more, it must be imputed to their own indiscretion.

The [next day] they came up again, armed with swords and pistols, and without calling any to keep the peace, they seized upon whom they pleased, whether * * * * or landsmen, masters, mates, or common men, using a great deal of [incivility], 4 of them being common men, very boisterous and rude, and without warrant, ranging the street, laid hold upon a master of a ship, Rob. Cockerell, who, telling them he was a master, and therefore ought not to go, had no [answer] returned him but "Rogue we will make you," drawing their swords and pistols to his breast. Other masters coming in to testify him to be a master received

very foul language, and demanding what their warrant was, they told them they had none but their swords, and [treated] Cockerell very uncivilly; the other masters fearing hurt would [ensue, to] prevent mischief, disarmed them, but they had first wounded several, especially Robt. Man, who is feared by the surgeon to be [severely] wounded in the head.

We thereupon sent for them before us, and [for their] language to us, as well as other misdemeanors, had laid them by the heels, had not the officers of the frigate pretended the speedy service of [the State. We] have since sent all the arms on board the frigate, and required the captain to [have his] fellows forthcoming if the man should die, lest blood lie at our doors.

For [the rescue] of any but that Cockerell, who was a master, we have strictly examined and can hear of [none, and] are assured there was none. So far from being civil, as the captain would insinuate, that they * * * master of a hoy who was then lading, carried away several boys who kept her lying up in the Haven, breaking up their hatches and taking victuals, and doing [much] harm and spoil, The truth of all which we have examined, and it will be proved by many eye-witnesses of very good credit, on oath if required. We have also given notice to the ships lying in the port of the taking of the N * * * ketch. We submit the whole to you who know how [to give a] just sentence upon hearing both sides, and intreat that order [may be] taken that hereafter, impressing may be more peacefully and orderly made, [and we and] all good men shall be most industrious to prove ourselves constantly assistant [to the] public service. [*Damaged*, 1 *page*.]

Feb. 15. Adventure, Harwich.

22. Capt. Valentine Tatnell to the Admiralty Commissioners. A ship of Dantzic which arrived yesterday reports that a Dutch man-of-war came up with them near Elsinore, and carried them to Copenhagen, where they were kept some time; that all sorts of provisions except bread were very dear and scarce, and a great want of wood, and that the inhabitants are resolved to maintain the town, and in great hopes of relief from the Hollander.

Since then she has been to Elsinore, and further reports that the King of Sweden and his army are in good condition, being 30,000 strong, and had resolved to storm the town 10 days since, and that Capt. Parker of the Fagon was then at the Castle of Elsinore, with the King of Sweden and the English resident, who were dispatching him home with letters, but his frigate was at Gottenburgh. They also met one of our frigates entering the Sound, that had been from Elsinore 3 weeks. All the Holland fleet are riding in Copenhagen unrigged, several of their commanders are dead, and there is a great mortality amongst the common people. As they came along, they spoke with several dogger boats, who reported that De Ruyter had passed towards the west. I hope to be ready to sail in 2 or 3 days, but as yet I have no orders. [1 *page*.]

Feb. $\frac{15}{25}$. Ostend.

23. Admiralty Judges at Ostend to the Admiralty Commissioners. The time will not give us leisure enough at present to answer yours

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of the 12th, nevertheless, as you have sent us a list of 19 prisoners of ours, amongst which there are but 10 men, the rest being boys, we have returned you the like number of men named in the list annexed, and also 4 or 5 boys which we have yet remaining on this side. Next week we shall send you back as many prisoners as the packet boat can carry, and then particularly answer your letter; and if meantime it please you to give order that those specified in the list annexed, being all prisoners at Plymouth, except one at Chelsea College, are also released, we will release the like number of your common seamen, which you shall desire. [1 *page, French.*]

24. Translation of the above. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

24. I. *List of* 17 *Englishmen and boys prisoners at Ostend, released and sent to England.* $\frac{15}{25}$ *Feb.* 1658–59. [1 *page, Dutch.*]

24. II. *Note of Peter Jansens and Guillaume de Francos,* alias *Melo, relative to their exchange, and that of Capt. Adrian Coots, and other captains. Plymouth Castle,* $\frac{28\ May,}{7\ June,}$ 1658. [*Dutch.*] *Also note by Alex. Row, Marshal, that Rich. Lockwood attended at the Castle at Plymouth to take a view of several prisoners he had engaged to set at liberty, according to a list which he keeps by him, and that most of the prisoners are in the Castle. May* 28, 1658. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Feb. 16. Weymouth. **25.** Capt. Geo. Pley to the Navy Commissioners. Since I sent you the 70 ballots of sailcloth for Portsmouth and Plymouth, there are 12 more ready in store, which I wait an opportunity to ship in one of the State's ships for Portsmouth; I could send them weekly by other conveyances, were it not for the risk. For the more regularly carrying on the business you advised, I should take out bills from time to time from the storekeeper at Portsmouth, which I should willingly do, but in regard my disbursements for the commodity are constant, and weekly as it is brought in, it will require a constant supply of money to carry it on, without which I shall but straighten myself for money in reference to my own concerns, which will be prejudicial to me; and to forbear to draw until I can get a bill from the storekeeper will require a long time to procure.

Considering how seldom an opportunity presents this winter season to send it for Portsmouth by the State's frigates, and that when a bill is procured and accepted, it afterwards meets with delay in payment from the Navy Treasurer, for want of order from the Admiralty Commissioners, I am necessitated, though contrary to rule in such cases, to draw my bill on you, to satisfy my disbursements for 150*l.*, and desire your acceptance, without which I shall be disabled to carry on this manufacture, for the makers cannot forbear their money, but must be paid for it as it is brought in. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Feb. 17. Portsmouth. **26.** Ri. Ridge to the Commissioners for Victualling the Navy. I have no interest in the boats you mention, they being only for fetching casks on shore, and carrying provisions on board. As to

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the beer, I have nothing at all to do with any of it; so that I shall acquit myself of having any interest in boats, and desire your warrant for pressing such boats and men as the service will require. Were I alone complained of by Capt. Thorowgood, it would much trouble me; but there is no man escapes him, and I never expect to be at peace in my employment while he is here. Were there just cause of complaint against me, I should not have one word to say, but I am sufficiently clear as to this complaint. Since my coming down, as soon as they have given me notice of their being ready, I have sent their provisions on board. I hope I shall always appear in my actions to be as ready as any man in discharge of my duty. If working night and day will comply with the State's occasions, no man shall be more ready than myself. There are only the Reserve and Centurion to victual, and they will be dispatched on Tuesday. I hope you will weigh things aright, and wherein I deserve to be blamed, I shall desire no favour; on the other side, let me not be blamed without cause, for if there be truth in man, I do not deserve this complaint. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 18. **27.** Order in Council, that the Admiralty Commissioners consider whether any of the ships now on service in the Straits, West Indies, or elsewhere, may be spared from attending their present stations, and certify the same to Council, that they may be called in and paid off, and the public charge eased. [½ *page.*]

28. Like order on petition of Rich. Poulter & Co., of London,—showing that they have in hand 100 tons of saltpetre imported from the East Indies, at great charge and hazard, in hope of being permitted to sell it to advantage; but its export being prohibited, and they much needing money, they tender it to the State at a moderate price, and if not purchased, they beg leave to export it,—referring it to the Admiralty Commissioners to contract with them for the saltpetre, or else to allow them to export it. [1 *page.*]

[Feb. 18.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Letter about the London assessment. [*Col.* 26.]

Reference about 400*l.* a week for Flanders and Dunkirk garrison. [*Cols.* 10, 16.]

Thos. Hartley to pay 200*l.* into the Exchequer. [*Col.* 21.]

A letter about the revenue in Ireland referred. [*Col.* 23.]

Jas. Noble to have 10*l.* from Council's contingencies. [*Col.* 29.]

John Portman's case referred. [*Col.* 33.]

The collection in Essex for the Polonian exiles paid to the sheriff. [*Col.* 33.]

Order on Col. Croxton's letter, and letter to him. [*Col.* 8.]

Petition for Adam Barr's pardon referred. [*Col.* 5.]

Customs' Commissioners to pay 5,000*l.* to the Navy Treasurer, out of Algiers duty. [*Cols.* 8, 29.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 366–370.]

Feb. 20. Whitehall. **29.** The Protector to the Admiralty Commissioners. We wish to show kindness to the bearer, Jos. Riggs, because he has behaved well in service at sea, and for his experience and courage, is capable

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of some considerable command in our fleet. We recommend him as lieutenant in some of the men-of-war that are next to go to sea. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, signed.*]

Feb. 20. The Swiftsure, Queenborough Water.

30. Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I hear from Mr. Blackborne that you had advertisement of my indisposition, through a severe cold. On arriving, I found much confusion amongst the ships in the river, through the commanders wanting tickets to give their men, to secure them from being pressed by other ships. In the Hope there are 7 hoys with provisions and stores, some of which have been waiting 10 days to unlade, but could not do so for want of men; the gunner's stores for the Rainbow are lying alongside of her, while the gunner is at London. The Gainsborough has arrived, with 287 men, who have been distributed amongst 5 ships named. I would have sailed to-day, but had a hogshead of provisions to take in, and the ship to clear, and to wait for a bricklayer to mend the hearth, which was done so slightly formerly that it fired the deck, which had to be plucked up. I hope to get out to-morrow, so as to prevent being hooked in with a northerly wind. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 20. / Mar. 2.

Sec. Nicholas to Mrs. Ward. My master understands by yours to Sir G. Gerard, your constant kindness to his person, and interest in the lordship now in question near you, and your good offices in the neighbourhood; and as he cannot write himself, on account of the gout, he bids me send you his grateful acknowledgments, and assure you from him, that when he is able, he will not only approve himself a good neighbour, but a faithful friend to you and yours, as Sir G. Gerard will witness for him; and he begs continuance of your friendly offices. [*Drafts,* $\frac{2}{3}$ *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 22. Lee.

31. Rich. Godfrey to Williamson. I send your bill of 4*l.* 16*s.* I think his battling 5*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* in one quarter, beside his hall commons, is very high. Moderate him if you can, for large expenses may draw him from his books. Caution him about the water, for he is very prone to swimming. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Feb. 22. Plymouth.

32. Capt. N. Heaton to Capt. Hen. Hatsell. I am glad to hear of the good condition the Swedes are in, and hope our fleet will give them encouragement, if they get to the Sound before the Dutch. When Capt. Parker returns, I hope you will move for his coming westward. As for the remaining frigates, we have been so far from taking men out of the Newfoundland ships, that we have not taken any out of any outward bound ships, though a great fleet was here at the time. Indeed, amongst others, several men belonging to these ships were impressed; but as soon as it was known to what outward-bound ship they belonged, they were cleared, and only 2 of the Salamander's and 1 of the Blessing's men were carried away in the Sapphire, before a boat could get on board her with a note for their discharge. Since that, there has been time enough to ship more, but such care has and shall be taken, in things of this nature, that I hope there shall be no just cause of complaint.

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Mr. Rye, purser of the Sorlings, having lately died, and Rich. Sibley, purser of the Wolf, having asked to be removed, and being fit for better employment, I have sent a letter to Mr. Blackborne, as also a petition to the Admiralty Commissioners on this business. If he misses the Sorlings, I hope he may have the Greyhound, as I suppose that unfaithful purser will not be continued. I hear there are some debates in the House whether our fleet shall go into the Sound. We have been wanting in that once already, and if we be so a second time, we may thank ourselves in case the Swede bar us out of it, when he has done his work alone. The Lord direct Parliament in this and other weighty matters. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 22. Ostend Prison. **33.** Capt. Jonathan Waltham to Robt. Blackborne. At my coming to this place, I was incapable of giving you an account, but I applied to the Rear-Admiral in the Downs, and hope you have received a full account from him. Since their Honors' order to the Lords here for my release, they have informed me they intend to have Capt. Adrian Ansotch [Coots], a prisoner at Plymouth, in exchange, and I therefore request their Honors will grant it; there are some of my men here who are wounded, and our condition is sad.

Here are four of our frigates in the Road, and there are 26 sail of men-of-war at sea from this place. Last week 3 prizes were brought in, one being an Englishman of 200 tons, bound for Lisbon, but her men were all on board the man-of-war, and are not yet arrived; the other 2 were Frenchmen from Rochelle, bound for St. Valery. I trust their Honors will take our sad condition into their serious consideration, and grant us our release, and thus further oblige us to pray for and serve them. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 23. The Hind Ketch, Gravesend. **34.** Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I came out of Queenborough Water the 21st, with the Gloucester and Plymouth, and I have been endeavouring to ascertain the condition of the ships. I do not find any of the watermen lately impressed on board any of them; I think some persons in power should visit the ships daily, and cause the officers to attend to their duty. I will sail to the rendezvous to-morrow, and send the Hind ketch to Deptford, to be refitted and victualled. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 23. / Mar. 5. Mrs. Ward to [Sec. Nicholas]. My small services are not enough to deserve our master's thanks, but all my endeavours shall be in his service, and his interests more to me than my own. Did my power equal my will, nothing should be wanting to complete our happiness. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

Feb. 24. **35.** Petition of the Merchant Adventurers to Council, for an order to the Admiralty Commissioners to grant them a convoy for 2 ships laden with cloth and other woollen goods, for their mart at Hamburg, and for protection of their mariners from impress, as without this, on account of the general press, they cannot keep men enough on board to take in and stow the goods which come to the ship to be laden. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 24. **36.** Reference thereon to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [½ *page; also I.* 84, *col.* 28.]

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Feb. 24. **37.** Petition of the East India Company to the Protector and Council, for protection from impress for 40 seamen and 20 landsmen, to go in the Constantinople Merchant to Surat, it being of great concern to petitioners and this nation that it should go with expedition, as it bears advices and orders, but the voyage is obstructed by the daily impress of men. Signed by John Stanyan, secretary. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Feb. 24. **38.** Like reference to the Admiralty Commissioners. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page; also I.* 84; *col.* 14.]

Feb. 24. **39.** Petition of Hum. Davy & Co., merchants of London, to Council, for leave to transport 60 barrels of powder to New England, on security that it is for use of the inhabitants. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Feb. 24. **40.** Like reference to the Admiralty Commissioners. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Feb. 24. Index notices of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Powers granted of impressing fire-ships for the fleet. [*Col.* 16.]

The desires of Col. Guibon and his officers referred. [*Col.* 19.]

Capt. John Leveret's account, and papers for New England touching him, referred. [*Col.* 26.]

Paper from the secretary of the Portugal Ambassador. [*Col.* 33.]

Pardon for Hen. Frier. [*Col.* 16.]

Report of the members of the military ground. [*Col.* 28.]

The deputy of the Polonian exiles to be heard. [*Col.* 33.]

Dutch ambassador's desires, and answer. [*Col.* 10.]

Appeal of Isaac Gibbault. [*Col.* 19.]

[Augmentation to?] Phil. Sharpe, lecturer in Shrewsbury. [*Col.* 38.]

51*l.* to Dan. Wynn, for cleansing the Mews. [*Col.* 44.]

Gold chains to the agents from Bremen and Dantzic. [*Cols.* 5, 10.]

Rich. Beachy released in exchange for Cuttance. [*Col.* 8.]

The commissions of the Generals at sea renewed. [*Col.* 19.]

Lord Montague to command this summer's fleet. [*Col.* 28.]

Papers from Mr. Downing touching the ship Postilion, &c. [*Col.* 10.]

Agreement and ratification about the East India ships Postilion, &c. [*Col.* 14.]

Offices of registrar of debentures and registrar accountant opened. [*Cols.* 31, 35.]

The 1,200*l.* formerly ordered to the Commissioners for Buildings charged on the Exchequer at large. [*Col.* 5.]

2,250*l.* to be paid to Dan. Waterhouse for his Highness, as formerly lent. [*Col.* 44]

Augmentation to Dr. Conant. [*Col.* 8.]

How the 400*l.* a week for Dunkirk garrison is to be secured. [*Col.* 10.]

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Militia arrears referred. [*Col.* 28.]

Customs' Commissioners to pay the Navy Treasurer 3,000*l.* more out of Algiers duty. [*Cols.* 8, 29.]

License to Sir Rob. Stapleton to print his translation of Juvenal. [*Col.* 38.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 371–380.]

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41. Francis Perkins to Col. Clarke, Admiralty Commissioner. I beg to acquaint you with the unkindnesses of some officers in the Torrington, of which I was minister, and then the reason of my removing will appear. The first difference arose through Lieut. William Fipps having a prejudice against me, he being an Anabaptist, and the subordinate officers rather siding with him, although men of little religion. Upon sight of some of their actions, I estranged myself from their society, and in my exercises, dealt closely to everyone's conscience, which worked anger and wrath rather than love; this appeared first by some of them endeavouring to entrap me in my teaching, and in marking my steps on board and on shore, so that they might get occasion to out me. Seeing they could not, the lieutenant and surgeon persuaded them not to hear me any more, and thus to weary me out of my place; this last attempt was after Capt. Saunders left the ship; he, by general report, which I can also confirm as an eye-witness, was always diligent in his place, and omitted nothing to advance the service. He was too much persuaded by his officers in leaving.

I left, Firstly, because of the difference of judgment, for as Christ saith, "How can two walk together unless they be agreed?" Secondly, because the officers agreed not to hear me any more, which appeared to me to be a persecution, and Christ saith, "When you are persecuted in one place, fly to another." Thirdly, upon Capt. Hermon's coming to the ship, I was without hope of any cure, he being of the same judgment as the lieutenant. Fourthly, although I had internal comfort enough, I had little external, and therefore desired to be discharged. My certificate shews my service in other ships, where I had respect and love, and their commanders were honest and faithful. As you have been certified of my sufficiency by Mr. Caryll and Mr. Row, godly, soul-searching ministers, and men of your own appointment, I beseech you to find me fresh employment in the Leopard or any other ship you may think meet. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

41. I. *Certificate by Robt. Robson, boatswain's mate, and* 11 *other officers of the Torrington, that Fras. Perkins officiated on board as chaplain in* 1657 *and* 1658, *and was diligent therein for the glory of God and good of the people. January* 10, 1658–59. [*Copy, scrap.*]

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42. G. Downing, Resident, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I do not doubt but the bill of exchange I charged on Mr. Hutchinson, for an anchor and cable supplied to the Nightingale, has been

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accepted, although I have had no notice of it. I have employed a friend about buying the Nonsuch ketch, if she can be had at the price mentioned by you; but hearing she has been purchased for 170*l.*, without guns and tackle, she is likely to be dear. Tell me whether you will give anything more than you named before, and whether you will be willing to take her without the guns, and what you will give without them. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Feb. 27. Roe Ketch, Yarmouth Roads.

43. Capt. Thos. Bowry to the Admiralty Commissioners. Yesterday morning we set sail out of Humber, with a ketch of Yarmouth, intending for Yarmouth Roads. About noon, 3 or 4 leagues from the Spurn Head, we met a Spanish pirate, who engaged with us. In the engagement, the ketch in our company, having 4 guns, came to leeward (the wind at W.N.W.), to use his endeavours against the enemy, but being inconsiderable to him, the ketch was beaten under his lee. We tacking upon the enemy, he would not board the ketch, but laid his foresail to the mast just by her, ready to receive us. We, finding him one of too great a strength to board, lay close in the weather of him, disputing for 3 hours, hoping that we might take some of his masts by the board with our great guns, and then work further advantage upon him; but as in the time he shattered our sails and rigging, and shot away a third or more of our mainmast, we were compelled to leave him with the ketch. We estimate the enemy's frigate as one of 12 or 14 guns, and 100 men, and suppose it to be Peter Jason of Ostend. Our mast being so maimed, and finding it not safe to lie in the sea, I shall repair to Harwich, where I hope we may have a supply; but if not, I will give an account. We had only 3 men hurt, but we are come off with some blemish, in regard we have lost our convoy. [1 *page.*]

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44. T. L. [Thos. Lamplugh] to Williamson, Fellow of Queen's College.* Thanks for yours and a transcript of your statutes. I had a request from Dr. Jer. Taylor about searching a MS. in Bennet College [Corpus Christi, Cambridge], about the marriage of cousins-german, but I was flatly refused. For your sake I have allowed the bearer the benefit of our library, but strangers here have not as much freedom as at Oxford. None was ever before admitted, not even an M.A. of Scotland, without a Master of Arts standing by him all the time he was in the library. We have not a book chained, seldom any one in the library but the under-librarian, no engagement taken by any admitted, and therefore we have to be more careful whom we suffer to come in.

P.S.—Mr. Fuller has one of our best college livings, the rectory of Nanby in Lincolnshire, bestowed on him. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Feb. 28. The Richard, Downs.

45. Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne to [Lord Montague]. The Reserve has sailed to the rendezvous. I have sent up 40 more able seamen in the Hawk ketch, making 220, which are all I can procure, there being few to be had from the shore, and few ships passing through

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the Downs. I hear from Capt. Waltham, late of the Nonsuch, that the Lords will not release him but upon exchange for Capt. Adrian [Coots or] Cotch, a prisoner at Plymouth. As Capt. Waltham is very miserable, and lies at great charges, being allowed but 6 stivers a day, which only pays for his lodging, I desire your consideration therein. [1 *page.*]

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46. Rear-Adm. John Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will observe your directions about the 2 Dutchmen coming from England in the Bristol. The victuals ordered for my ship have not yet arrived. As the Selby and Cheriton were out of victuals, I appointed the Selby a fortnight's provisions from Dover, and then to ply with the Wakefield off Ostend until the coming out of the Nightingale from Dover. Particulars of the movements of ships. I sent your directions to the Governor of Ostend touching the release of Capt. Waltham by exchange, but have had no reply. I have received another letter or two from Capt. Waltham, complaining of his sad condition and great charges, and that the Lords there, as he terms them, will not discharge him until Capt. Adrian Cotch, a prisoner in Plymouth, is set at liberty. [1¾ *pages.*]

Feb. 28. Navy Office.

47. Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. In our account of the charge of the navy from 1 November 1656 to 1 November 1658, we have included what has passed our office as to bills; but there are other charges which are likewise upon the navy, though answered by other receipts than what passes through the treasurer's hands, as from Dean Forest, in ironwork, timber, and the hull of the Forester frigate built there, to the value of 4,417*l.* Likewise there are several prizes taken by Capt. Stoakes and the ships at Jamaica, the proceeds whereof are converted to the use of those ships, as also money paid by your order from the Prize Office for wounded seamen, which, being better known to you than to us, we leave to be added to the account as you see cause. [¾ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

47. I. *Note of the frigate built in Dean Forest* - £1,530
Ironwork delivered into the stores - - 502
Iron hoops delivered to the victuallers - 485
Timber converted and sent into the yards - 1,900

[¼ *page.*] £4,417

Feb. 28. Navy Office.

48. Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. There being several great demands daily from the State's yards at Deptford, Woolwich, and Chatham, for supply of nails, locks, hinges, and other iron wares for the Fleet, we find that Mr. Ingram, who furnishes these provisions, has already disbursed 8,000*l.* for supplies, and has not been paid any bills from the State that we know of, since what were dated the last of June 1657. The prices allowed him by contract are at a low rate, and considering the necessity of further supplies from him, and how much he may be disabled already for want of money, we represent his case to you, that an effectual course may be taken for paying him some consider-

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able part of his debt, so as he may still carry on the service, which otherwise he says he is not able to do; lest for want of a speedy supply of these commodities in this emergency of time, the service should inevitably suffer. [1 *page.*]

Feb. Westminster. **49.** Patent by the Protector, granting to Edw. Bishe, Garter, and Wm. Ryley, Clarencieulx kings-at-arms,* the right of visitation of arms south of the Trent. The preamble declares that:—From the infancy of time, the custom of nations has allowed distinctions in the bearing of arms, to put a difference between the common people and the nobility; but during the civil wars in this nation, many have usurped arms without allowance of the kings-at-arms and heralds; and painters and stainers make them believe that they are better descended than they are, by altering their surnames, and pretending they descend from younger branches of noble families, and giving them their maternal quarterings, so that tradesmen and mechanics are exalted to bear arms. These men also attend as heralds at their funerals, which they adorn with arms, banners, &c. Thus the fees and profits of kings-at-arms and heralds are taken away, and persons have honours that do not belong to them.

Also crests and coats of arms are publicly sold to men of low condition, and false pedigrees and quarterings set up, to the advance of pride of heart and cheating, for which we may expect God's wrath.

The grant goes on to state that:—Therefore we, to whom God has committed the chief power, intending a reformation of these abuses—the more needful through the taking away of inquisitions, *post mortem* tenures, and the court of wards, whereby marriages and descents were recorded, and through the destruction of monuments in the civil war—have appointed Edw. Bishe, Garter, and Wm. Ryley, Clarencieulx, for the part of England on this side the Trent, and for the south of Wales, to visit all families, and summon all who bear arms to show by what right they bear them, giving oaths for discovery of the truth; with power to enter at reasonable times all churches, castles, and houses, and view coats of arms, crests, and pedigrees, tables of marriages and issues since the last visitation, and to reform all arms unlawfully usurped, wherever or however used; also to convict all who wear arms unduly, and proclaim them at the assizes or sessions in their province, and to reform and control pedigrees, interments, &c. No painters are to prepare arms, &c., for funerals, nor any to cut, paint, or engrave arms for funerals or for print, without their leave. None to have the title of esquire or gentleman unless it can be justified. All kings-at-arms, heralds, and pursuivants to exercise their office diligently, and bring offenders to punishment. No arms' painter to be employed unless authorized by them, the kings-at-arms exercising their respective rights thereon. All misdemeanours to be brought before the chapter of the college, and if they cannot be there determined, brought before the Earl Marshal, or if there be none, before the

* Created Clarencieulx by patent, 25 February 1658–59, and as this patent bears no date but 1658, it must have been granted between 25 February and 25 March 1658–59. It was probably never completed, not being on the patent roll of the period.—ED.

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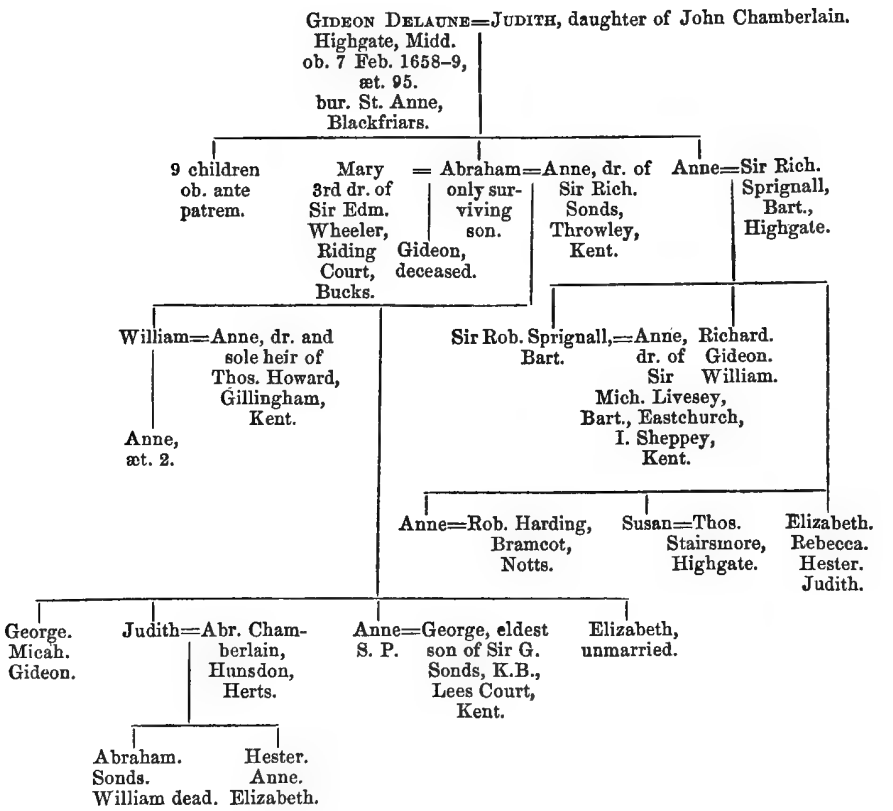
Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper, or Commissioners of the Great Seal, President of the Council, and chief justices, for final hearing, so as they contradict not the ancient rights of the officers at arms. [17 *sheets, draft, corrected.*]

Feb. **50.** Pedigree of the family of the Delaunes :—



Attested by Wm. Delaune and Lady Anne Sprignell, executors. [$3\frac{1}{3}$ *pages.*]

[Feb.] **51.** Petition of John Lincall, preacher at Castlechurch, near Stafford, to the Protector, for payment of 18*l.*, $2\frac{1}{4}$ years' arrears of his salary of 8*l.* a year. [1 *page. See* 23 *June* 1658.]

Feb. **52—57.** Weekly balance-sheets of the Exchequer, from 1 Jan. to 5 Feb. [6 *papers.*]

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March 1.

1. Order in the Admiralty Committee to the Navy Commissioners, to consider and confer with Major Nehemiah Bourne, as well touching his letter, of which an abstract is sent, as to building a ballast wharf at Harwich, and a lighter for ballasting the State's ships that shall come into that harbour to be refitted. Likewise concerning a supply of stores for refitting and furnishing ships; and thereupon to give directions for a timely preparation and provision, as requisite for the public service. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

1. I. *Major Nehemiah Bourne to the Admiralty Committee. I find it very difficult, by reason of the greater affairs in your hands at present, to obtain opportunity to give you an account of the state of the port at Harwich, which is altogether unfurnished with most sorts of provisions that are daily to be expended, in case you have any thoughts of using that place. At present you have neither stock nor credit, and I believe you do not fully understand the state of that place, for it is far different from your other settled yards, and unless the provision be also different, you will find much unnecessary expense and other inconveniences and disappointments in your business, when you have most need of compliance.*

I have consulted on what is absolutely necessary for carrying on your affairs with expedition and frugality, and first find need of a ballast wharf of 100 *feet long, on which all the clean ballast that is taken out of frigates that are to be careened or laid ashore may be laid, and so taken off again and serve for a supply; also that there may be always a recruit upon any pinch, when the winds are such that ballast cannot be fetched from the shore, though of never so much importance. In order thereunto, it is requisite to have another lighter of* 40 *tons built, value* 250*l.*, *and in a very few years, your money will be repaid, besides the great dispatch that will be gained thereby. As for stores of timber, there is none, neither can there be any provided without a present advance of money. Other provisions may be issued from hence, but for timber it must be procured there, and without it you cannot expect any service to be done. February* 11, 1658–59. [*Extract,* ½ *page.*]

March $\frac{1}{11}$.
Ostend.

2. Admiralty Judges of Ostend to the Admiralty Commissioners. To give a particular answer to yours of the 11th ult.; first, the agreement which you have made, not to imprison any more boys taken on either side, we will observe on our side, as we do in effect, and will keep none unless such as will stay for their passage by the packet boat. As to the great distinction which you make between the captains of our ships of war and the commanders and masters of your merchant ships, there is no other difference only that yours go upon merchant voyages, and ours to the wars, whereof we are not the occasion.

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Secondly, if you will inform yourselves how that our *Armateurs* make their seamen captains, and their captains seamen, and change them almost every voyage and as often as they please, one may very well judge how much such captains are to be esteemed in regard of your masters of merchant ships, who oftentimes are great merchants.

Thirdly, if there should be no exchange of our captains against your captains, we may say that there is no exchange of your masters of merchant ships to be made but against ours, whereof we have none, so that such men, being taken, must resolve to die in prison, which we believe you will not allow of, since the number of yours and ours would be too unequal.

As to what you write us that in April 1657 you gave liberty to John de Béurco, for whom we promised to give liberty to three of yours, whereof two were masters of ships, and that we have not performed our parts, we have released two masters of ships and one merchant in lieu of Béurco, as you may see by our letter of 16 February 1657, delivered to you by Jno. Wilkinson, one of the said masters. In regard to the 19 Spaniards of St. Domingo, who obtained their liberty upon parole to procure as many of yours, that might be done in Spain, for we make no profession of exchange, except for those of ours who sail with Flanders commissions, unless it be by some favour we make a particular exchange, which would not be done so long as we have Flemish prisoners. As to Jonathan Waltham, by you reclaimed, being a captain, not of a private man-of-war but of your State, his condition is too unequal to be esteemed against one of yours, unless it be against a captain of our State, whereof there is not one that goes to sea, and if for one of our captains with private commissions, called Erasmus de Brauwer, we had to send eleven masters, one captain of State ought to send ten captains of private men-of-war.

We believe you find by experience that we would never dispute the quality of so many merchants, passengers, and men of condition, prisoners, whom we have always released in exchange against so many single seamen, and also of boys, as you may see in our list sent a month since, whereof the first named of yours was Master John Battesen; so that if you will lay any stress upon the quality of persons, we shall be also obliged to do so in your regard.

Meantime, as by ours of the 25th February last, we reclaimed by prevention 13 prisoners, whereof the first was Guislain, a prisoner at Chelsea College and the other 12 at Plymouth, without having given liberty for as many of yours; we now again reclaim 23 of ours specified in the enclosed list, making in all 36, for whom we have given liberty to 36 of yours, also specified in the enclosed list, amongst whom is a master of Dover, whom we counted for two, and expect your resolution therein. [3 *pages, French.*]

March $\frac{1}{11}$. **3.** Translation of the above. [$4\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

March 1. Ipswich. **4.** Vice-Adm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I set sail from between the Lee Road and the buoy of the Nore for the rendezvous on the 14th inst., with the ships named in the enclosed, and there I found the ships also therein named. I have again sent

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the Adventure and Expedition to the Yarmouth Roads, and their commanders have great hopes of getting more men in the 3 days limited, and I came to Ipswich to see whether there were any more to be had here; but I find they fly into the woods and up the hills, as from the face of an enemy, leaving some of their ships and boats under sail adrift. I do not know the grounds of their great disaffection to the service, but I intend speaking with the bailiffs or magistrates, and will send you a further account. I have been with the victualler in reference to the complaint that the meat lately issued out here has been put up in blood pickle, and he has promised to send some salt on board the respective ships, for its resalting; I have likewise been to the storekeeper at Harwich with reference to the cables wanting, but found none. [1 *page.*]

March 3. **5.** Order in Council to recommend to the Admiralty Commissioners to find a fit vessel to transport to France Visct. Dungarvon, and Rich. Boyle, his brother. [½ *page.*]

[March 3.] Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Petition and order about John Jackson and other prisoners, co. Durham. [*Cols.* 10, 23.]

400 recruits to be sent to Dunkirk. [*Col.* 10.]

Reference about medicines to be transported to Flanders. [*Col.* 17.]

License to Wm. Jones to transport a gelding. [*Col.* 23.]

Report of examinations about Peter Parry. [*Col.* 33.]

The Earl of Stirling to be proceeded against. [*Col.* 38.]

Augmentations to Alcester, Cropredy, Cirencester, Chascombe, Church Stoke, Darrent, Eccles, Hempstead, Hinckley, Lanchester, Marsden, Martins Orgars, Narbech, Pudsey Chapel, Portsmouth, Shoreham, Stockburgh, Stoke, Thorpe Malsor, Totnes, Wilnecot, and Woburn. [*Cols.* 1, 8, 11, 14, 21, 26, 28, 29, 33, 38, 41, 44.]

Col. Biscoe's desire of arms referred. [*Col.* 5.]

The petition of Ralph Seddon, and others employed in collecting fines for new buildings, referred. [*Col.* 38.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 381–387.]

March 3. Constant, Warwick, Plymouth Sound. **6.** Capt. Robt. Vessey to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have been plying with the Sorlings in the Channel, and have not put into any harbour save Scilly to get some water, where we stayed one night, and set sail next morning, being the 24th ult. The same day, being southward of the island, I espied a sail, and giving chase, lost my consort. Upon coming up with the chase, she proved to be the St. Thomas from St. Sebastian's, commanded by Capt. Peter Meylar, and carrying 5 guns and 32 men, which I took and have brought in, and landed the prisoners, most of whom are Irish. They had a commission from James Stuart, whom they style Duke of York. They had thrown one of their guns overboard in the chase. I am going to St. Benedict in France, by order of Capt. Heaton, to convoy over a vessel bound for England as far as the Severn. [½ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

6. I. *Commission from James, Duke of York, Lord High Admiral, appointing Peter Meylar captain of the*

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St. Thomas man-of-war, with power to enter any port or river of His Majesty's dominions, and seize as prize or destroy all such ships and vessels, with their men, lading, goods, and merchandize, as belong to any place or person of his Majesty's subjects in actual rebellion against, or not in present obedience to him. Dunkirk, 8 Oct. 1657. [*Parchment, signed.*]

March 4. **7.** Power of Attorney by Barth. Fossan, skinner, to William Tibbs, stationer, both of London, to draw lots for him for 200*l.* worth of lands of the rebels in Ireland, subscribed for by Sir John Cordell, and assigned to Fossan, and to Robert, son and heir of Sir John Cordell. [1 *page*, 3 *signatures.*]

March 5. Excise Office, London. **7a.** Note of the balance in hand in the office, being 3,893*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* [½ *page.*]

March 5. Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay. **8.** Vice-Admiral Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have endeavoured to obtain more men for the ships, and been to the bailiffs of Ipswich, who promised, if I kept my boats out of the river until Thursday, to press as many as possible. I have since sent a ketch with boats for their reception, but have not heard what they have done, nor of the two ships sent to Yarmouth for the same purpose. The men in many of the ships are sickly; I have 18 sick on board the Swiftsure, and 12 so bad that I shall be forced to put them on shore. I understand 40 rounds of powder and shot have been ordered to each ship, but some have 28 at most. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

8. I. *Account of the victuals, ammunition, guns, and men on board 10 ships named, with particulars how some of them are piloted for the Sound.* [1 *page.*]

March 5 Weymouth. **9.** Capt. Geo. Pley to Col. Clarke, M.P. Since the dispatch of the last 70 ballots of sailcloth for Portsmouth and Plymouth, there is a considerable parcel more ready to be sent for Portsmouth, but this winter season I have not the opportunity to send it about as often as I desire by the State's ships.

I lately drew a bill of exchange on the Navy Commissioners for 150*l.*, which my correspondent advises me is not yet accepted; I presume they scruple because they formerly desired me, for the more regular carrying on of that business, to procure bills of the storekeeper, to be drawn on them for what should be received in by him, but I cannot follow their directions therein; it is so long before it can be sent for Portsmouth, and before I can get a bill from the storekeeper, that if I should take that course, I should want money to carry on that affair, as indeed I do now. I am at a constant disburse for that commodity, and pay ready money for it on delivery, but I run so long a course to get a bill, and when one is obtained, it is so long before payment can be procured, that I am weary of the employment. When you next speak with the Navy Commissioners, I beg you will desire them either to accept my bill drawn on them, or else to order me to desist; for if I am not better supplied with money, I shall greatly prejudice my own affairs. It is no better in reference to provisions, for the victuallers owe me 800*l.*

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I desired that you would see a convoy granted me for Jersey and St. Malo, and as the Bramble and Lark have returned from St. Malo with their convoys, I desire they may be ordered to transport me to Jersey and St. Malo, and back to Weymouth; there are 6 sail now waiting there for a convoy. [1 *page.*]

March 6. Fagons, Hoseley Bay.

10. Capt. Nich. Parker to the Admiralty Commissioners. When I first arrived at Elsinore, I gave you an account by a ship of London, which I hope came to hand. On 24 December I had Sir Philip Meadows's dispatch, and the pilots put on board for the fleet, but in our way to the Scaw, we came aground on a reef, where we had like to have lost the ship; after this we plied on and off the Scaw until 21 January, but could not hear any news of the fleet, except by a fisherman, who said he saw the English fleet off the Scaw, but did not know whither they went. I then endeavoured to make for Elsinore, but could not gain it through contrary winds and ice. While we cruised about, our sufferings are too tedious to relate, but after driving in the ice 10 days amongst the rocks, we forced the ship by degrees through the ice into the mouth of Gottenburg Harbour, where I found the Swallow ketch, with a packet from Sir Philip for me to bring to England. By the help of the governor, who sent us 200 men, we cut the ship about a mile through the ice, and sailed from Gottenburg the 1st instant, arriving last night in Hoseley Bay, and went on board the Vice-Admiral with the packets.

Our ship has been much shattered in the ice, and as most of her anchors and cables are lost, I desire to know where I shall refit. Although we have suffered much, we have only lost 2 men, but half the company had either their fingers or toes frozen, and all men that know anything of the sea judged it a mercy that our fleet bore up, else without doubt some of them had suffered. Two of the Swedes' ships which came from the Belt were lost, and all their men drowned near the harbour I got into. [1½ *pages.*]

March 6. Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay.

11. Vice-Admiral Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I shall act according to your instructions, but I am fearful I shall find but few pursers here. The bailiffs of Ipswich promised to bestir themselves to press men, and whether they have or not I leave you to judge, they having sent me ten men, *viz.*, a porter, ploughman, 3 boys, an old man broken in body, and 4 others. The ships are come from Yarmouth, but have only impressed 16 men, as the seamen fly up the country. Capts. King and Bowry having arrived with their ketches, as also the Hunter frigate, I have taken 10 men from each, and sent Capt. Bowry with a letter to the governor of Hull, to see what may be done there in reference to seamen, as also to get 4 or 5 able pilots for the Sound, of which there is great want. There are 21 of the fleet in sight.

The Fagons and Greenly's ketch have arrived from Gottenburg, with some packets for Mr. Secretary, which came overland to Capt. Parker, the 23rd ult. He says there were only 3 Swedes' ships then in that port, who had been plying so long in the Belt that, what with the cold and want of provisions, they were almost starved;

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but they were then trimming their ships, and might be ready to come away by May. Mr. Greenly, who was at Elsinore on the 11th ult., and is now dangerously sick, informed Capt. Parker that the King of Sweden stormed Copenhagen, but was beaten off with the loss of one general, a major-general, 4 colonels, 8 lieutenant-colonels, and 400 men killed and wounded.

The Fagons ran aground on her voyage to the Sound, and was forced to heave some of her provisions overboard, and lost her anchor and cable, as also another anchor and cable in the ice near Gottenburg, so I shall send her into Harwich to clean and refit. [2 *pages.*]

March 7. The Swiftsure, Hoseley Bay.

12. Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson to the Admiralty Commissioners. Four ships more have arrived. I have given order to their respective pursers to repair to the victualler at Ipswich for their petty warrant, and have consigned to the ship they were intended for the 8 guns and barrel of ammunition which came from the Tower. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

12. I. *Account of the state of* 25 *ships named in Hoseley Bay as regards pilots, mariners, provisions, ammunition, &c., as also what they require extra.* [1 *sheet.*]

March 7. Ostend.

13. Capt. Jonathan Waltham to the Admiralty Commissioners. Since my last of the 22nd ult., order has been received from the lords here for the releasement of all my men, which was done, but the master of the packet would not stay for their being shipped on board, although it would have been no prejudice to him, so I was desired by my men to procure leave from the Lords for their pass by land to Dunkirk, which was granted, and last Thursday they went from here, except 2 that are not able to travel; since then one of them is so sick that the doctors say he will not live. As the Lords have engaged to Capt. Adrian Cotch's [Coot's] wife that her husband shall be released before I am set at liberty, I request you will take my case into consideration, in granting his and my releasement, which will for ever oblige me to you. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

March 7. Little Dean.

14. Maj. Jno. Wade to the Admiralty Commissioners. You have received an account from Mr. Shewell that he has only 157 tons of shot remaining in his custody, and that the Ordnance officers acknowledge but the receipt of 325 tons, and that I have charged Mr. Shewell with 631 tons. I have receipts of himself and his servant for 631 tons of shot, and because I would make things certain, those receipts that were brought me as from his servant I delivered to the clerk of the furnace when he went to Bristol, and desired him to deliver them to Mr. Shewell, and take his receipt for them. On his return, he stated that Mr. Shewell desired all his servant's receipts, to compare them with his book, and that he would give him satisfaction at his next coming. I called upon the clerk several times for them, as he had been many times to Bristol, and brought back no receipts; but upon his last going there, he brought back the same receipts as sufficient, and said that Shewell would own anything therein; they were delivered to Capt. Kingdon, who cast them

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up, and has them yet. What I have here related concerning the clerk of the furnace, and between him and Mr. Shewell, the clerk will depose to, as also the boatman who carried all this shot down to Bristol, of its delivery to Mr. Shewell and his servant. Before I would pay the boatman, I sent to Mr. Shewell to know whether he would own those receipts of his man. This is no small matter, for in the first place I paid for the founding of so much shot, which was exactly weighed from him; for the carriage of so much to the water side, and in like manner weighed to them, and the same was also received into the stores at the water side, and delivered out of the same stores to the boatman, who will depose to its delivery to Mr. Shewell and his servant.

The building of the new frigate is going on very well, as there are a great company employed about her; the care I can take is little enough to provide money for her. I believe her builder does the business as becometh a careful honest man. The best time for auditing my account will be at the blowing out of the furnaces next October. [1 *page.*]

March 7. Ostend Prison. **15.** Edw. Skinner to his brother Wm. Skinner, merchant, Hull. On 26 Feb., the ketch came down from Hull, and her captain told us he would go to sea, and promised to secure me as long as his vessel would swim, whereupon we put to sea with him; but 3 leagues past the Humber, we met an Ostend man-of-war of 12 guns and 130 men, and our convoy seeing him, made sail to get away from us. The Ostender seeing this, made what sail he could after us, so we defended ourselves as long as we were able, but the ketch would not come near to help us; if he had stood by me as he ought to have done, we had not been taken, for a quarter of an hour afterwards, we espied a fleet of ships, and when the ketch saw them he came and fired some 8 guns, but far out of the reach of the man-of-war, and then went away. If her captain had been one that dared to adventure his life, they had never taken us; but since it is my fortune I must be content, and am very sorry for your loss and that of the rest of my friends.

Afterwards I offered to give or else to stand engaged for 3,000 guilders, but Capt. Tison, the commander of the Ostender, going on board, and being informed by one of our company of the quantity of lead there was on board, would not let me have her upon any condition, otherwise I should have had both ship and goods for 3,000 guilders. As however you said that if ever such a thing should happen, I was to buy her again, I have bound myself in a bond of 50*l.* to perform my word, and agreed with them to have her for 2,100 guilders, according as she was brought in, with all her materials except her lading, and I have given them an inventory of such materials, whereunto they have set their hands to perform. I have employed Mr. Hambilton to look after her here, and beg you to remit the money, as also some for myself, as I lie at an extraordinary charge here, being 24 stivers a day for victuals, and in a close prison, among sick men; if you fail I may lie here until I rot.

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I also entreat you to get a couple of men, whose names I will send this post, cleared for me, as also one for Jno. Motherby, and another for my servant, and also get a paper under Capt. Galine's hand, stating for whom they are cleared. I have written Mr. Brabant and Mr. Vander Sluis for help, but have not yet heard from them. With note by Jno. Worts to Skinner, desiring he will go to the Custom House and take out his discharge for his last voyage with a lading of herrings and turnips, and send it to his owner, as he is afraid the bonds will be forfeited before his return home, and there are also 2 cockets for the said lading. [2 *pages.*]

March 7. Weymouth. **16.** Capt. Geo. Pley to the Navy Commissioners. By the last post, I received advice that my bill of 150*l.* was not yet accepted, in regard you had not received my advice that such a quantity of sailcloth was delivered into the stores. In my former letter I gave you an account that I had a quantity ready here in store, but for want of an opportunity of one of the State's ships, I could not send it to Portsmouth, for to send it by any other vessels would be dangerous. Also that in regard I was weekly in disburse for that commodity, which requires ready money, I drew this bill, not waiting until I had a bill from the storekeeper, as you formerly directed; but it seems this does not satisfy you, so as to give acceptance to my bill.

I find that I stand charged by way of imprest for all such moneys as I have drawn on you, and have no credit given me for any of the sailcloth sent to your respective stores, which seems very strange, seeing I sent up invoices, and the captain's receipts; if your agents corresponded with you as they ought, they must needs have given you an account of it all this time. I have again sent a particular abstract of what has been sent, for which I desire to have credit given me; but if this may not be believed, I desire that you will send to the respective storekeepers to give you an account of what has been received by them, so that I may no longer stand charged in this manner. It is terrible enough to be in disburse for the commodity, and not to stand in danger of the Exchequer too, for no man has assurance of his life; therefore I desire the account may be cleared, so that I may not prejudice my relations.

I purpose shortly (D.V.) to be at London, immediately on my return from Jersey, whither I am commanded upon his Highness's occasions, where I shall make little stay, and then I hope to see the accounts cleared. Meantime I desire that this bill may be accepted, and for the future I shall follow your directions as to the drawing of the bills by the storekeeper. [1 *page.*]

March 7. **16a, b.** Account of receipts and issues at the Custom House, 21 to 28 Feb., and 28 Feb.–7 March. [2 *sheets.*]

March 8. Whitehall. **17.** Petition of Fras. Sanders, of Chatham, Kent, to the Protector. On 15 Sept. 1657, some sick soldiers from Jamaica, arriving at Chatham, were destitute of clothes and everything, and ready to starve; I furnished those whose names are appended with apparel and necessaries, and hoped repayment, but have received nothing,

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and have had divers losses and been sick. I beg an order for the sum due. With reference thereon to the Committee for the Affairs of America, sitting in the Treasury Chamber, Westminster, to report to the Committee of Council for the same affair. [1½ *pages.*]

March 9. The Richard, Downs. **18.** Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. Arrival and departure of ships. I sent for the 2 Dutchmen on board the Bristol, and in order to the further prosecution of your directions about them, I have also sent for Mr. White at Dover. As the Lizard has brought in the Hope prize, which has a prize officer on board and her hatches sealed up, I desire order about her, and also Capts. Papachine and Boniface, the 2 Spanish captains brought home prisoners by Capt. Fenn. I have appointed Capt. Ford with the Swallow to transport his Excellency Lord Lockhart from Dover to Dunkirk, and then to ply with Capts. Poyntz and Bowry in Capt. Higgison's station, in the Narrows, for the annoyance of the enemies' men-of-war. Some of the men belonging to the ketch attending the Nonsuch having come over from the other side, I made them up 20, and sent them on board the Naseby in the Hope. [2 *pages.*]

March 9. The Bristol, Downs. **19.** Capt. Hen. Fenn to the Admiralty Commissioners. In Leghorn Road, 18 January last, I parted with Admiral Stoakes, from whom I received orders to sail for England, but by the way, to look in at Cascales Road, to see 3 ships into Lisbon, in one of which came the Portuguese Ambassador from Rome, who had been there 3 years and never had an audience from his abominableness, which has very much exasperated their spirits against him.

I arrived before Lisbon 11 February following, and finding the wind blowing hard, a very great sea, and it being dangerous to ride without at that season of the year with convoys, and having advice of the Portuguese overthrowing the Spaniard in the field, I put into the Bay of Wiers for water, and wrote Consul Maynard to know if there were any ships bound for England, and if so, and they could be ready by Sunday the 13th, I would take them with me. He answered it was impossible for them to be ready by that time, but they would be by the following Wednesday. I informed them I could not stay so long; but he and many English came on board, and having very much importuned me to take them along with me, lamenting the late loss of 2 ships bound to the Levant, and one bound for England with sugar, which foundered, I answered their desires, and sailed on Wednesday the 16th, and have safely arrived in the Downs.

I have brought 2 Flemings, whom the Admiral sent to make affidavits for condemning of a Fleming that the Fairfax seized. I have put them on board the Richard, the Rear-Admiral desiring to have them, and the Admiral has also sent home two prisoners, Captains Papachine and Boniface, and I desire to know your pleasure concerning them. [1 *page.*]

March 10. **20.** Order in Council on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Col. Thos. Eyre, governor of Hurst Castle, that 30 barrels of powder, 230 rounds of shot, match, tar, and colours be

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provided for the castle, and that the Admiralty Commissioners give order to the Ordnance officers accordingly. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page; also I.* 84, *col.* 21.]

21. Like order that the Admiralty Commissioners order the Navy Commissioners to sign a bill on their treasurer for impresting 1,000*l.* to Edward Lord Montague, towards his salary in his present expedition. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

March 10. Index entries of Proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Nich. Osborne's petition, and order for 737*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* [*Col.* 31.]

Payment of Dr. Seth Ward's augmentation referred. [*Col.* 44.]

Lord Desborow to receive information touching the proceedings of Charles Stuart. [*Col.* 11.]

Chris. Pett's pardon and release. [*Col.* 33.]

Thos. Stephenson's case recommended to the Dutch ambassador. [*Col.* 38.]

The Swedish public minister's memorial touching the ship Angel, and transportation of Sir George Ayscue. [*Col.* 38.]

Sir Thos. Harris and Sir Thos. Peyton released on security. [*Cols.* 21, 33.]

Quarles Browne discharged from attendance, on a report. [*Col.* 5.]

Medicaments sent to Dunkirk. [*Col.* 11.]

Mr. Gookin to be commissioned to receive the duties there. [*Cols.* 11, 19.]

The quarters for Col. Guibon's regiment enlarged. [*Col.* 19.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 388–396.]

March 10. Yarmouth. **22.** Thos. Bendish to Major Nehemiah Bourne. There were 6 pieces of fir timber delivered to your order 5 years since, which have lain ever since on a piece of ground now mine. One of them was carried away with a high tide, 2 others are almost rotten, and the rest much damnified. Having laid out 7*l.* between myself and partner to hire a vessel to save several goods and men's lives when the Laurel was lost, Major Burton refused to pay it, but paid all the rest. Being arrested this week for the money, we agreed with our adversary, and in part satisfaction, he building a small house, we made bold with 2 of the said pieces of fir, which is better than to let them rot. I know no reason why I should suffer for my good will to save 80 or 90 men's lives, who else would have perished, as many others did. [1 *page.*]

March 10. The Roe ketch, Hull. **23.** Capt. Thos. Bowry to the [Admiralty Commissioners.] Particulars of chasing and engaging with an Ostend man-of-war, which, being a much longer frigate, had more advantage. As it was dangerous to board him, we exchanged shots for upwards of 3 hours, when night coming on, he got away. I had my own mast shot away. I believe if Mr. Skinner had stood into shore, instead of tacking about close to the man-of-war, he would have saved his ketch. I have been to Harwich, and set another mast; the same day, Vice-Adm. Goodson took 10 of my men, and ordered me to go to Hull, with a packet to the governor, and then to the General at

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Hoseley Bay, with such pilots and seamen as I can get. I have obtained 25 men, and when I have as many as I can stow, I will sail for the fleet. [1 *page.*]

March 14. Harwich. **24.** Robt. Grassingham to the Navy Commissioners. I have treated with Rob. Akels for building a ballast wharf, and if he may have half the money down to buy timber at the best rate, and the other half when the work is finished, he will do it at the rate of 10*l.* 5*s.* per rood; but if he must tarry for his money till his bill comes in course, he will abate nothing of 10*l.* 10*s.*, for which he will undertake to finish it within 4 months after making the contract. Last year he delivered in timber and treenails value 34*l.* odd, and when the bills come before you, pray order speedy payment, as the money will stand him in great stead. Noted to agree for 10*l.* 10*s.* per rood.

I have also treated with a man for building a hoy of 40 tons for 105*l.*, if he may have half his money at the laying of her keel, and the other half at her launching; otherwise he will not undertake it. I have spoken with some others about one, but they will not meddle with it, suspecting the money will be hard to come by when the work is done.

Noted, he is to find all ironwork belonging to her hull. To go forward with the building of the lighter in the yard.

When the 100*l.* you speak of comes to hand, I can go on with buying of timber. Noted, will endeavour to procure the 100*l.* next week.

I also desire that money may be ordered for paying off the workmen at the end of the quarter, when I shall have a whole year's accounts in hand, which are no small matter to me, nor can I pay them without money; 200*l.* will discharge all. I perceive a change of the state of things has come, or is coming, in this port, and therefore desire that all things may be fairly cleared, and then let come what change will come. [1 *page.*]

March 14. Plympton. **25.** Warrant by Edw. Moulton, mayor, to the churchwardens of Plympton Morris, co. Devon, to levy upon the goods of several persons named in a schedule or rate, for the amount assessed upon them towards the necessary repairs of the parish church, according to the Act. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, with seal and signature.*]

March 14. London. Levant Company to Hen. Riley, consul at Aleppo. With yours of 25 October, we received a protest made by some persons of the factory against your election of the last treasurer, with letters of 26 August and 1 September from the 26 opposers, justifying their proceedings, which reasons do not satisfy us. We have therefore written reproving them and vindicating you, but desire you to endeavour to quiet their animosity.

Concerning their several other complaints, if they are denied access to the treasurer's accounts, they must be allowed free access to them in future; you must enquire into and redress their complaint of your disbursement of considerable sums without assent of most of the factory, your refusal to call general meetings on just occasions, and your acting contrary to resolutions passed there;

your want of assistance to the factors in the point of battulation, &c.; send us an account thereof in your next, and redress any complaints justly grounded.

For the future election of a treasurer, we desire it shall be settled by lot, amongst persons otherwise qualified who have resided 5 years, and are sons or servants of freemen; also that the accounts be presented at the end of the year, at a general meeting, and 3 persons appointed to audit them. No former treasurer is eligible for re-election within 3 years from his holding office. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 317.]

March 14. London. Levant Company to the Treasurer and Factory of Aleppo. We note the complaints in your letter of 26 August and 1 September, and your counsel to us. We are grateful for any advices to the advantage of our trade, but these seem to proceed from distemper and dissension, and a means to avoid payment of our duties, which some of you denied before this election of a treasurer happened, to give a colour thereto. The order limiting your choice to those who have been 5 years on the place was made at a public Act of Court, not, as you insinuate, on private suggestions. If we have formerly given the factory, as well as the consul, notice of such orders as concern them, we are under no obligation to do it, nor should you prescribe to us how to direct our letters. The consul is obliged on security to perform our orders, in doing which we must maintain him, though you protest against him for it. The choice is in the whole factory, not in a part thereof, and that irregularity we ascribe to your efforts to evade our orders, and cannot blame the consul for doing in an unusual way what cannot be done otherwise. Therefore we approve Gamaliel Nightingale, the person chosen.

To prevent future breaches, we declare our positive order that every one of the factory within the qualifications be annually put to election by lot to be chosen as treasurer, and at the end of the year, his accounts presented to a general assembly of the factory, and 3 auditors chosen by the majority. The accounts should always be free to the view of any of the factory.

We have written to the consul for an explanation of your other laments. Meanwhile you must comply with our orders, and rather unite against the enemies of our trade and religion than give them advantage by your private divisions, tending to the ruin of the one and scandal of the other.

P.S.—This is directed to the whole factory, because all should know it, but it is in reply to letters sent by some only. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 318–19.]

March 15. **26.** Admiralty Commissioners to the Protector and Council. We have before represented to you the state of your naval affairs, and the great want of money. Our assignments fall so exceeding short of our charges that vast debts are contracted, the wages of poor seamen and workmen unreasonably detained, the stores emptied, and your credit impaired.

We are "exceeding unhappy" that from this week's customs 4,140*l.* is taken from the Navy to repay a loan from the Customs'

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Commissioners, and while we are struggling with imminent extremities, even to the brink of ruin, we are deprived of our assignments.

There is 20,000*l.* due to 4 or 5 frigates come in, being some 30 months' wages, and all this week's money will be 8,296*l.* 1*s.*

We have, as ordered, strained ourselves to set out Lord Montague's fleet, and the drain on the stores will prove fatal to naval affairs, if another is wanted to be set forth. We beg—

1. That you will consider our report of 10 February last.
2. That the assignments for the Navy may be competent, and proceed *pari passu* with other branches of the service, which has never yet been done.
3. That you will consider the state of the stores, as the security of the nation might depend on the setting forth of another fleet.
4. That you would provide money for Lord Montague's fleet, in case they return home before the end of the summer. The too long keeping out of ships, and deferring payment of seamen's wages, exposes your affairs to great hazard.
5. That the 4,140*l.* ordered for the Customs' Commissioners may be applied to the Navy, as appropriated under the Great Seal, and that the Navy credit may be secured from such violations. With note of its being read in Council, 17 March. [2 *pages.*]

March 15. Hull. **27.** Col. Hen. Smith, governor, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I should have sent the enclosed examination of Thos. Weeton before, but he has been at sea, and returned only lately. I will take care of the money you have appointed for the prisoners, and see that it is duly disbursed, but one of them has lately died of his wounds. The captain and surgeon will maintain themselves, if permitted to continue here in the garrison, under the marshal's custody. I send you a letter from Mr. Skinner, a merchant, and am desired to entreat your favour on behalf of his brother, a prisoner at Ostend, by exchanging some of the prisoners lately taken by Capt. Nixon for him and some of his servants. Capt. Bowry, of the Roe ketch, has brought a letter from Vice-Adm. Goodson, desiring me to send him some seamen, but having no warrant for pressing them, I could not answer his expectations; nevertheless I pressed 40 by virtue of a warrant granted by you to him, which were as many as Capt. Bowry could well stow in his vessel. Capt. Nixon has come into the Humber, to take in his provisions, and will sail in a few days with the ships bound for Hamburg; the merchants are very thankful for having so good a convoy. [1 *page.*]

March 16. East Greenwich. **28.** Capt. Fras. Cranwell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have served the State in several vessels, and am now dismissed for what could not be helped, when others have had the same disaster, and far better ships than mine was; but I see it is neither desert nor ability, but favour which carries the game, when old standards are left out who have borne the heat of the day, and the cold of

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the night, to cause your Honors to sleep in quiet, and now not respected. I read once of one that did so by his old servants, and took in younger men, but in the end he was fain to employ his old again, for the new could not endure the heat of the day, nor the cold of night; old servants are tough, they can endure cold. My ambition was never so great as to aim to be an inferior flagman, though my conscience tells me that in part I have deserved it, but I still have sought for the lowest employment. In former ages the best have been swordmen, and not penmen, among which I have been employed and did account myself; but now I am neither swordman nor daggerman, but a faithful servant to the Commonwealth—no coward, revolter, or runaway; but you make me a cast away, which I have given you an account of, and you say yourselves she was a bauble, a goodly jewel; but what shall I say more than I have said? All your commanders have not been masters before they were commanders, but leaped more in one year than I have done in 10, meaning from an inferior employment to command; but if I were but a ship's cousin, then if I had lost the Antelope, I should have had employment during life on the Princess Maria, a fourth-rate frigate; but I leave all to your consideration, and whether I deserve employment or not. [1 *page.*]

March 16. Dublin. **29.** Wm. Petty, clerk of the Council, to the Admiralty Commissioners. On Saturday, the 5th inst., a pickeroon from St. Sebastian's did much mischief upon these coasts, and escaping in the night from two of our frigates, did more mischief upon the North coasts of England; and having been seen again to-day about Dublin Bar, the Lord-Lieutenant and Council have made use of Capt. Cowes, of the Paradox, to clear this coast of her, although Capt. Cowes acquainted them of your calling him home. They have commanded me to signify so much, and to advertise how much trade suffers here by reason of these frequent piracies, and consequently how dangerous such a decay of trade will be to the Excise and Customs, which, as they are now managed, are the fairest branch of the revenue of this nation. Also to request you to send 2 vessels to ply between Scilly and the old head of Kinsale, to secure the trade of this nation into the Severn, and higher in the Channel. [1 *page.*]

[March 17.] Index entries of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

Commissioners of Appeals appointed for Guernsey and Jersey. [*Cols.* 19–23.]

Augmentations for Henioch and Rob. Law. [*Cols.* 21, 26.]

500*l.* to be speedily paid to Mr. Bradshaw, Resident for Hamburg. [*Col.* 5.]

The state of the Navy, as to the defects of money and stores, referred. [*Col.* 29.]

Phil. Marret discharged. [*Col.* 28.]

Information touching persons come over from Charles Stuart referred. [*Col.* 38.]

Jeremy Whichcot's petition read. [*Col.* 44.]

Pardon and discharge to Oliver Allen. [*Col.* 1.]

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Augmentations to Mr. Charnock, minister of Monmouth, Newton on Ouse, Poole, Preston, Padstow, Plimstock, Broadninch, Barling, Bosham, Bodmin, Bloxham, Chilham, Thos. Cucket, Childwall, Chads in Shrewsbury, Cerne Abbas, Donnington, Eastbourne, Glastonbury, Great Missenden, Great Malvern, Hartlepool, Halechapel, Hewish and Langport, Linfield, Lostwithiel, Market Rising, Mentmore, Milton, Rawsby, Stadham, and West Dean. [*Cols.* 33, 5, 8, 11, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, 29, 35, 38, 44.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 396–400.]

March 18. **30.** Instructions to Gen. Montague, if he meet with any foreign ship in the British seas, to preserve the honour of this nation by causing them to strike their flag and lower their topsail, and in case of refusal, to compel them. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

March 18. **31.** Like instructions to Vice-Adm. Goodson, 12 November, 1658, to observe the usual custom in saluting the castles or fleet of the King of Sweden, and to Montague, 18 March, 1658–59, to act, as to matter of salutes, agreeably to the honour of the Commonwealth, and as in his discretion he thinks fit. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page. Both quoted from Manley's relation of the wars betwixt Sweden and Denmark.*]

March 18.
Navy Office. **32.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. We have examined several officers and seamen lately belonging to the Nonsuch ketch, concerning the manner of taking her, and having nothing before us to the contrary, we give credit to what they have subscribed, apprehending that there may be truth therein, and that there was a joint endeavour to preserve her, but by too great disadvantage, they were overpressed by the enemy. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Enclosing,

32. I. *Examination of Zacheus Bynon, gunner of the Nonsuch. On* 3 *February last,* 6 *p.m., the ketch convoying a hoy, a merchantman, from the Downs towards St. Valery, by order of the Rear-Admiral, and being in sight of the town, perceived* 2 *small vessels weighing from shore, whereupon the captain got in readiness, suspecting them to be men-of-war. They stood off till they got the length of the Nonsuch, and then bore up, and as soon as they got within shot, the captain ordered Examinant to fire at them; seeing they resolved to board, loaded all the guns with cased shot, which was fired at them on their coming aboard, with a volley of small shot. They having boarded, made what resistance was possible, with small shot and pikes, for an hour and a half, by which time* 14 *or* 15 *of the Nonsuch men were wounded; being thus disabled, and having but* 34 *men on board, and the enemy having* 40 *on one ship and* 50 *on the other, were constrained to crave quarter.*

In the encounter every one behaved valiantly, and especially the captain, who stood at push of pike with them all the time of the dispute, until he was desperately

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wounded, and forced to yield himself prisoner with the rest. With affirmation of the above by Thos. Gibson, master, Rich. Cornish, surgeon, and Simon Bannister, carpenter. Navy Office, 18 *March* 1658–59. [1 *page.*]

March 18. **33.** Hum. Robinson to Williamson. The enclosed will tell you that Mr. Norris is arrived, and gone to his father. We are expelling all dangerous people out of our city and 20 miles about, and still we are full of jealousies. Notes of books. [½ *page.*]

March 19. Chester. **34.** Matthew Anderton to Jonathan Ridge, M.P., the Goat, King Street, Westminster. We are full of news of more of our ships being taken; the Harp and Paradox have played the cowards most shamefully, as will appear by the ensuing relation, which I had from Mr. Fuller, who belongs to Mr. Browne, grocer of London, *viz.*, that he was taken in the William of Chester in Dublin Bay by the rogue, who looked on him as a considerable person, and took him aboard his own frigate, and when he cut his cables, and sailed away upon the approach of our frigates, took him along with him.

The Harp stayed to convoy our redeemed ships from Lambay to Dublin, but the Paradox chased the rogue, who split his mainyard in making so much haste to get away; thereupon the enemy thought of nothing but yielding. They expected our frigate would have come, but our frigate, supposing the rogue spared him a sail to give him fight, tacked about, which the rogue perceiving recovered courage, vapoured and domineered exceedingly, and immediately took a Carrickfergus and a Whitehaven man, and carried them into Pelofother, where he stayed, and robbed the country of sheep, took the Whitehaven man's mast out to make himself a mainyard, pillaged the ship, set Fuller on shore, and then set sail. Since then he has done much more mischief.

I have seen a letter from Major Swift, governor of Holyhead, intimating that our coasts are very much infested with pirates, who have taken 12 or 13 ships belonging to Chester and Liverpool, one of which he saw taken within 2 leagues of Holyhead. I beseech you and Alderman Griffith to do your best to procure a guard for our seas, and prevent future evils, and you will thereby have the prayers of many sufferers. [1 *page.*]

March 19. **35.** Examination of Jas. Garrett, master of the Fortune of Lisbon, before the Admiralty Commissioners. Being outward bound for London last February, was met and taken by the Leopaldus, belonging to Ostend, in the mouth of the Channel, off the Berry. The same day the Leopaldus chased and took a vessel of Newcastle with coals, entered 110 men upon her, and 4 hours after, sheered off from the Newcastle vessel, leaving the 110 men in her, and chased another, but the Greyhound coming up that instant, put the said Leopaldus by her.

Capt. Country having notice from the Plymouth vessel that the frigate which chased her was the Leopaldus, bore up to her and fired a broadside, and then fell astern to fit his ship again. Thereupon the Leopaldus sheered on board the Newcastle prize, and took

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out 10 or 12 more of his men, and then Capt. Country bore up again to her and gave her another broadside, which was answered from the Leopaldus and her prize with two broadsides, after which Capt. Country fell astern, and took in his fore-topsail, which gave the captain of the Leopaldus ground to believe that he had wounded the Greyhound's masts.

Eight days afterwards, being set on shore by the enemy, he came to Plymouth, where he met the master and some of the company of the Greyhound, who told him that the Leopaldus having wounded their foremast, and they having also received 3 or 4 dangerous shots in the hull, and having only 15 men on board, were compelled to leave her. [¾ *page.*]

March 19. London. Levant Company to Sir Thomas Bendish. In answer to yours of 15 November, we observe your care concerning the exactions made by the Vayvood and Bassa of Nathalico and your hope for restitution and future freedom from the same.

We regret Consul Bretton's death, and have appointed in his place Wm. Prideaux, an ancient gentleman, who has been employed in Russia and travelled in the Levant, whom we shall despatch immediately. We desire you to procure him requisite authority, with an order to him and the Treasurer at Constantinople for a due collection of the consulage on this and other ships, and 2¼ per cloth on such cloth as comes in without having paid duty at home, whereof lists will be sent by our husband, Mr. Penning. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 320.]

March 19. London. Levant Company to Jos. Edwards, Smyrna. We are sorry for Mr. Bretton's death and approve your appointment to act as consul temporarily, but as we cannot contract with anyone at so great a distance, we have, at a general court, chosen Mr. Prideaux, who has had experience in those parts, as consul, and desire you and the factory to afford him your assistance. He hopes to come by this ship, the Smyrna Factor, bringing a great quantity of cloth and other goods, on which we desire your special care in collecting consulage duties, besides the 2¼ per cloth on such as have not been fairly entered here, of which our husband Nich. Penning will give you a particular account.

Those concerned in lading the little ship Content think themselves overburdened by the leviation of 3 dollars per cloth, being more than the Aleppo Merchant paid, and more than we hope will be necessary to be paid on the Negotiant and other ships following her. So we order that the Content shall only pay the same leviation as the Negotiant, Greyhound and this ship; the overplus is to be made good by the Treasurer.

Concerning Mr. Bretton's funeral charges,—though we are in no way responsible for any part thereof, and are assured we gave no such assent to that precedent on Mr. Stringer's death,—yet out of respect to his merits, we will allow 600 dollars towards the above charges, to be settled when his accounts are adjusted, and subtracted from what we conceive he will be found to owe us; hereof you are to inform the Treasurer and factory, and shew them this letter. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 321.]

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March $\frac{20}{30}$. Paris. Lord Muskerry to Sec. Nicholas. I have delivered your enclosure to the party intended, who says he is furnished with one to the same purpose. I will use it on occasion, which I believe will be to some purpose, against the next post. The party to whom most of my bill of exchange was directed will soon be here, and then we can judge of the reality of his performance. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

March $\frac{20}{30}$. Wm. Bedborne [*alias* Sec. Nicholas] to ——— Lipe. A gentleman sent to your parts by our friend Mrs. Eager, promises to write to me sometimes. Put under your cover any letters he delivers you for me, that they may come more speedily and safely. Also bring this gentleman to Mr. Minden and his friend. I refer you to his relation as to our commerce here. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

March 21. Navy Office. **36.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. By virtue of your order of 27 July last, we made sale by the candle to Jacob Blackleach and Hen. Roach of the Golden Falcon prize; since then we have received the enclosed from Dr. Walker, the State's advocate, of the proceedings in the Admiralty Court concerning that ship; that she was claimed by Daniel Thyssen, a Dutchman, who, when the ship was surprised, was banished out of Holland, and therefore went into Flanders, and thence to London. The question was much debated by the advocate and Thyssen's counsel before the Admiralty Judges, but they gave judgment for the ship's restitution to Thyssen, with her tackle, furniture, &c., and the freight due by law to him as an inhabitant of London, as appears by a copy of the decree of 22 Dec. 1656.

The buyers of the ship have applied to us either to have their bargain made good, or their purchase money and the charge of fitting her. It has been a great hindrance to them, they being involved in a troublesome suit, and the ship unable to proceed on her voyage. Thyssen demanding satisfaction, we have treated with him, and brought him to accept a bill as she was appraised, rather than be at further trouble of law; the appraisement was 555*l.* 4*s.* If you order payment, he will join in the sale, and so the men that have bought her will be freed from trouble. [1½ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

36. I. *Demands of Daniel Thyssen for the Golden Falcon, taken in Nov.* 1652 *by the ships of the Commonwealth, and decreed by the Admiralty Judges to be restored to him; if she cannot be restored with her tackle, furniture, guns, and ammunition, as she was taken, and some consideration for the time she has served the State, he desires* 555*l.* 4*s., and some allowance, the appraisement being less than she was worth, as she cost* 1,300*l.; also allowance for interest, having so long waited.* [½ *page.*]

36. II. *Appraisement,* 1 *Jan.* 1652–3, *by Wm. Swanley and* 5 *others of the Golden Falcon of Middleburg, together with rigging, sails, masts, guns, shot, and ammunition; total* 555*l.* 4*s. Prize Office, Broad-street, London,* 17 *March* 1658–59. [1 *page, copy.*]

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36. III. *Dr. W. Walker to the Navy Commissioners. The first judgment for Thyssen being so long since given, and it being a decree and sentence of a court of justice, it will be a hard matter to counterplead it. You will also see by the decree that such freight as is due by law stands adjudged to him; I therefore leave it to your prudence to settle the matter as may be least prejudicial to the State, which may better be by a compromise than a suit.* [1 *page.*]

March 21. Ostend Prison. **37.** Jno. Carkeet and 9 other masters of ships belonging to Plymouth, Yarmouth, Boston, and Barnstaple, to the Admiralty Commissioners. We are still kept prisoners, but we know not on what account, unless it is until Adrian Coots, a prisoner at Plymouth, and Gollin Ranad, a prisoner at York, are released. Carkeet was taken on 3rd Feb., 5 leagues from Plymouth, and brought with his company prisoners to Ostend, but his company have since been released; as we have lost all we had, and are poor men, we beg consideration of our sad condition. [1 *page.*]

March 21. Ostend. **38.** Capt. Jonathan Waltham to the Admiralty Commissioners. I heard from the Rear-Admiral in the Downs that you had written the Lords at Ostend about my enlargement, but they say that they have not received anything, and that I cannot have my liberty until Adrian Coatch [Coots] is released. Capt. Corij, a prisoner at Plymouth, is also a considerable person, having a brother an eminent merchant in Biscay, and another in Ostend, who can do much for him; I therefore suppose he will answer your desires for any that are prisoners in Biscay. There are 4 masters of Plymouth besides myself detained at Ostend on the account of Capt. Coots, and we all desire you will grant his release for our sakes. [¾ *page.*]

March 22. **39.** Order in Council referring the petitions of Capt. Jas. Smith and also of Isaac Bowles and William Mosse to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [½ *page.*]

[March 22.] Index entries of proceedings in Council. [*I.* 84.]

3,074*l.* to Rob. Walton for clothes sent to Dunkirk. [*Cols.* 11, 44.]

Mr. Newland's desires, and Martin Noel's petition referred. [*Col.* 30.]

45*l.* to Mr. Baxter for stables. [*Col.* 5.]

The manner of the future payment of the army regiments referred. [*Col.* 1.]

Letter concerning Lord Broghill and Col. Sanchy referred (and reported). [*Col.* 5.]

The month's pay for the guards about town to be first made. [*Col.* 19.]

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Hull.

40. Col. Hen. Smith to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have filled up the proportions sent for the exchange of Mr. Skinner and his two servants with the surgeon and 2 common men of that company taken by Capt. Nixon, and have sent it to Ostend. I thought Capt. Nixon had sent you a list of the prisoners, or I would have sent the enclosed from him before. I have sent to York for another list of the prisoners' names in their own language, which I will also send up as soon as it comes to hand, and will take care that the captain and the rest at Hull are properly secured until further order. [1 *page*]

March 24.
London.

Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish, Ambassador at Constantinople. William and Silvester Denis, John Buckworth, Thos. Davies, and Jn. Dickons, having their estates in the hand of Wm. Denis, factor of that place, whom they understand is ill, have sent Jno. Bonithon to assist him, if he live, and succeed him as their sole factor if he die. We desire you therefore to see their wishes fulfilled in this matter. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV. p.* 322.]

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The Fame, Yarmouth Roads.

41. Capt. Thos. Wright to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send you a letter I have received from my gunner. I have always desired that we might have an approved teacher amongst us, having a warrant from yourselves; as for his teaching, although it may be in his apprehension good, yet by the most part of us it is not liked, and this rather causes a confusion than a reformation amongst us, and therefore I denied him the priviledge of public teaching amongst us. Since then he has been so arrogant in his ways that he may cause great disquietness in our ship. I therefore desire you will send us a teacher with a warrant. [½ *page.*]

41. I. *Symon Pryor to Capt. Thos. Wright. I conceive you are offended with my practice, not of wickedness, but with my faithful endeavours in seeking to the Lord by prayer, whereunto I am constrained by the power of God, so that I shall never give over that duty, I trust. And further, as I have began, I do resolve through God's strength to continue, therefore if it be your pleasure to set me ashore, I shall give you thanks, for I will not be intercepted in that duty which is of so great concernment. This I beseech you consider of, and answer me, for I am resolved to seek my redress. Fame, March* 24, 1658–9. [⅔ *page.*]

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March 25. **42.** Petition of Joan, wife of Leonard Randall, of Plymouth, to the Admiralty Commissioners, for the release of her husband by exchange. He was lately master of the Orient of Plymouth, and in his return from Barbadoes, in sight of Falmouth, he was set upon by 2 Ostend men-of-war, and after a hot dispute, was taken, with 9 of his men and a boy, and carried with his ship to Ostend, by one of the men-of-war. The next day, the other man-of-war, the St. Francis of Ostend, commanded by Capt. Michael Cary, was taken by the Sorlings and Gainsborough, and brought into Plymouth, where he remains a prisoner; his wife has so prevailed with the Commissioners in Ostend that petitioner's husband and his company will not be released but by the enlargement of Capt. Cary. Is poor, and has a family depending upon her husband; hopes if Capt. Cary will not be a sufficient exchange for him and his company, that they will propose such others as they think fit. [1 *page.*]
Enclosing,

42. I. *J. B[lackborne] to his brother Robt. Blackborne. I am desired by several friends, when C[ommissioner] H[atsell] moves the Commissioners for the enlargement of Mr. Randall of our town, that you will put your helping hand, as he is a man that has brought in much revenue to the State, having gone and come through mercy in safety for many years, but lately was surprised by the man-of-war last taken, and is now kept a prisoner in Ostend for that captain's enlargement. His men are coming home on his parole, he and all his men being Cary's exchange; if that does not prevail with the Commissioners, endeavour some other way to procure his exchange. Plymouth, March* 25, 1659. [½ *page.*]

42. II. *Geo. Hughes to Hen. Hatsell, M.P. I suppose you have heard of the taking of Leonard Randall of this town, master of the Orient, who has signified his condition in prison at Ostend as lamentable. If it be in your power to free him and succour the widow (sic), it will be a blessing to many. I hear of much sickness among you. The Lord help the sick, and preserve the strong to serve him. Plymouth, March* 22, 1658–9. [¾ *page.*]

March 25. Leghorn. **43.** Charles Longland to the Navy Commissioners. I have not had any news of Admiral Stoakes or his squadron since his departure hence. The Castle and Companion have arrived from England, with 2 others bound for Turkey. They saw 3 Spanish men-of-war in the Straits' mouth, who, taking these 4 ships to be men-of-war, fled into Gibraltar. The English ships anchored in Tangiers Bay, where the people told them that there were 7 ships there a few days before, who had salted four-score of oxen at Tetuan, but could not get any bread.

Two Spanish men-of-war have been lately cruising in the channel of Malta, but some Turkish men-of-war met and banged them lustily, and sent them home, where they have arrived. The King of Naples had gathered together 2,000 soldiers for the service of

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Milan, but since their loss at Elvas, strict order is given that the soldiers shall be sent for Spain. The Spanish resident at Rome has been very friendly to Lords Cavendish and Roscomon, and other gentlemen, and given them a pass to go for Naples to see that city. If any fleet go towards Cadiz, I desire you will let the beverage wine be taken off that lies at Lisbon. [2 *pages.*]

Mar. 26. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish, ambassador at Constantinople. We send by Mr. Prideaux, whom we have appointed consul at Smyrna, this addition to our last letter, *viz.*, to acquaint you of the abuse put on us and the Grand Seignior by the introduction into Turkey from Marseilles and other parts of France of a quantity of French coin called Louis, vented at 8 a dollar when they are worth but 12 a dollar, whereby the French gain 40 or 50 per cent., and the English lose by the enhancement of Turkish commodities, which are sold in France cheaper than in Turkey. The Turks also will greatly suffer by the opportunity given to strangers to take away dollars out of the country instead of this coin. We hear also that Holland is coining false money of this kind at Amsterdam, and exchanging it in Turkey, besides zelots, lion dollars, and other false coin brought from Italy, and exchanged into dollars by our factors at great loss for buying of silk. We therefore desire you to inform the Vizier of this matter, and do your utmost to remedy it and stop our losses. We also want lists of the leviation there made for 5 years past, which have either not been sent us or else miscarried. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., p.* 322.]

Mar. 26. London. Levant Company to the Treasurer and Factory at Smyrna. We beg your reception of and assistance to Mr. Prideaux, sent as consul. We have specially requested him to prevent the extreme mischief to our trade by import of French louis into Turkey. [Same as in preceding letter]. We have told him to consult you as to some effectual expedient. It cannot be hard to gain the concurrence of the Turks, who must be injured by the export of good dollars for such coin. The consul is to receive 2,000 dollars a year, as his predecessor, but we have paid him 200 in hand. Allowance for Bretton's funeral, consulage on ships, and list of leviations wanted. [Same as in last letter.] [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 324, 325.]

Mar. 27. Sole Bay. **44.** Jno. Fowler, Judge Advocate, to [Robt. Blackborne]. The reason of my thus troubling you was the coming of my son to the fleet, and my desire to know from him how his affairs stood in reference to the Hampshire, and his interest in her. I understand he has put a stop upon the lieutenant's pay from the time he left, and referred its decision to our honoured masters. If the case be not decided, promote the equity of his interest what you can. I call it equity because it is without precedent that an officer, wounded and maimed by going upon duty against the enemy, not precipitately but by his captain's command, when sent on shore for home for recovery of his hurt, has been dismissed from his place and pay by the Generals of the fleet, or by any general court of war, without other crime imputed save only his being so hurt, and transmitted

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on shore or home by consent of his particular captain and the Commander-in-chief, and with their promise that until his recovery, return, or other disposure, he should incur no prejudice in his place or salary. That Capt. Stoakes or his Council of War have greater power in such a case than any General or general court of war ever assumed, or that he or those commanders have any such instructions, I never as yet understood nor have seen put in practice. Of what consequence such a precedent may be our masters should consider. What any one Commander-in-chief, of what party or squadron soever, with his council of captains, shall do, every other, though inferior, will think he has a right to do also, and perhaps seek to enlarge his power to pleasure by placing his relatives, even before vacancies, and then what stability is there for a warrant officer, though commissioned from our masters or the Generals, when wounded?

I have observed that when commanders have been disabled by sickness from going on a voyage, and constrained on shore, the ship has performed the service under conduct of the lieutenant and master, without immediately clapping in a new captain; and if so in case of commanders, much more in that of lieutenant, and especially in those parts where their engagements with enemies have not been frequent.

Before this comes to hand, the quarterly season for my salary's receipt will become due, and if the money *uno eodemque tempore*, it will be most seasonable, as well for payment of another 20*l.* to Mr. Bushell, as for supplying my wife, who, through natural weakness, is always in want and behindhand, though living meanly enough. If it be not already received, I intreat its dispatch.

The wind is not yet fair for us though the weather be, notwithstanding which our topsails have been loose since last night, and this morning a gun fired from the General, and all the fleet are now weighing anchor. I beg your prayers for our prosperity, and mine shall not be wanting for the welfare of yourself, wife, and child. I have received a commission to muster the fleet, and have given a day's time to the pursers to prepare books, and yesterday began with some of the ships. [2 *pages*.]

March 27. Greyhound, Dartmouth.

45. Capt. Jeremy Country to the Admiralty Commissioners. On coming into Plymouth Sound, Capt. Heaton stated you had received information of some miscarriage in me when I engaged the Leopaldus, and that my wife's being on board was the cause I did not further engage. I came from Portsmouth with a vessel laden with powder for Scilly garrison, and another of Southampton bound for Rochelle, and there were 6 more bound for Plymouth and adjacent places, which I took with me, and I also took my wife for Plymouth. When off Dartmouth, the wind took us short at W.S.W., and we stood in to gain Torbay, but seeing 4 sail to the southward 4 leagues off, and as I thought, some smoke, which I took to be an engagement, and seeing the East India and Straits men go for Torbay, and thereby thinking the small vessels secure, I stood off; but by the time I had reached their hulls, I saw the 2 weathermost on board each other, which proved to be the man-of-war and a flyboat he took in a quarter of an hour, and then

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stood after the other two; the biggest ship, endeavouring to weather me, when he came near, let fly his colours, being a red cross in a white field, which I took to be an Ostend ensign, and so judged the 3 to be men-of-war.

When I came up with the biggest ship, he tacked from me, and I made his colours to be English; the man-of-war being come up with the other vessel, which I perceived to be a merchantman, I made to him with all speed, when he stood away to meet his prize; but I, not being certain whether he had put men on board the last vessel or not, first went to know the truth; but when I saw the master himself on board, his men having taken the boat and rowed away, I did not stay, but bid him go to Torbay to the fleet, and I stood after the man-of-war. Ere I could come up with him, he had met his prize, and lay by her for our coming; when we were within shot, and saw his intention, I laid the foresail to the mast, hoisted out our boat, and bore up to him. The sun being set, the wind at S.W. by S., a fresh gale, and they going 2 points from the wind, I could not open one port to leeward, and therefore was constrained to fight to leeward of them, although I received much water, our ports being so low, and the frigate tender; there was not a gun fired but one from the flyboat while we came side by side.

I received 22 guns from both ships and returned 12, and then fell a little astern, and came up again, giving orders to the master's mate, as soon as the broadside was fired, to brace the topsails in the wind, so that I might lie by him; they were then close upon the wind; and after the 2nd broadside was fired, they bracing in the topsails as ordered, the lee braces being shot to pieces, we could not fill them again; the ship coming about as could hardly be expected, I stood after them again, but our foremast being shot through, and unable to carry the topsail, they went as well as I * * , whereas you were informed that I left him. I am wronged, for I did not leave him as long as I could see him, but the darkness of the night in less than half an hour deprived me of this.

Concerning my wife, I had not a thought of her during the time, for it is known I never saw her or spoke to her or of her until we lost the ships and hauled in our guns. I was so far from thinking that a word could have been spoken against me, that I doubted you might have been offended by my leaving my convoys, to go 3 or 4 leagues to sea on the sight of smoke. It is very well known that the Leopaldus is in every way a bigger ship than the Greyhound. The reason that I did not board him was that I thought the greatest part and best of his men were on board the flyboat, and appointed to enter me, she being a lofty ship, and in such a sea as was enough to have quickly broken us down to the water; but I have been over tedious and hope for excuse, as I cannot personally vindicate myself. I have since received order to convoy some vessels to Limerick and back, but the wind has been easterly. [2 *pages, damaged.*]

March 28. Ostend Prison. **46.** Capt. Jonathan Waltham to the Admiralty Commissioners. Understanding from the Lords at Ostend that you have not written

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concerning my release, I again entreat the discharge of Capt. Cotch [Coots], when I shall be released; there are several masters of ships whose liberty also depends upon it. I believe if you were sensible of our condition you would speedily grant our request. [½ *page.*]

March 29. **47.** Order by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, that—as they have formerly treated touching the Golden Falcon with Daniel Thyssen, who was willing to accept of a bill for 555*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*, the appraised value, and thereupon join in the sale of the ship to Roach and Blackleech,—they agree with Thyssen for the ship at as cheap a price as possible, and grant him a bill for the money. [1 *page.*]

March 30. Bramble, Weymouth Road. **48.** Capt. Lamb. Cornelius to the Admiralty Commissioners. On the 26th inst. I chased between Portland and Lyme 2 small Ostenders, who had that morning taken a vessel of Topsham, and put one of Christchurch ashore; but I perceiving them, they had not the time to plunder or get her off. That which was forced on shore has been brought into Weymouth by her own company, but they took all the men out of the other, and left her sailing towards the shore, and a small boat came out of Lyme, and carried her into the harbour. To make their escape, one tacked to the west, and the other to the east, so that I could not surprise them both, but the one I have taken I have delivered up to Capt. Pley of Weymouth, and her commander and company are now in Dorchester Gaol.

The Lark has not yet come to Weymouth, and the merchants of Topsham having desired I might come for them, as they will not venture to Weymouth with the Lark, I intend doing so, and will call at Lyme as I come back. I blush when I think of the slender account I can give of my enterprize since I came into this frigate, but my endeavours have been and still are mingled with hopes of better success. [¾ *page.*]

March 30. The Portland, Spithead. **49.** Eman. Davis to the Navy Commissioners. I have sent you 2 muster books. On 6 January, being the first day of our making any of the Western Islands, the Colchester being in our company, when near St. Marie's, we met 2 Flemish ships, pretending they were bound for St. Michael's to seek for a freight; but upon examination, we found a Spaniard or 2 on board each of them, and letters directed to several Spanish ships and galleons that were expected from the West Indies, and one of the skippers confessed that they were hired by the King of Spain, and had their money before-hand. In each ship there was a Spaniard of note, to take notice of all such goods as should be received on board, and they were to stay thereabouts so many days, and then go to the Canaries.

On the 12th we met Capt. Copping, commander-in-chief of the Langport, as also the Foresight, Nonsuch, and Pembroke. On the 1st February we set sail for the Canary Islands, and on the 2nd were off Santa Cruz, where there were only 4 ships at anchor in the road. They made preparations on shore, supposing we should come

nearer to them, but we stood off all night. On the 18th, as we were steering towards the northward, 60 leagues from the said island, we met another Flemish ship from Santa Cruz, bound for Cadiz, who came from thence with the before-mentioned two, and we also heard of another great ship of 24 guns, but could not meet with her, as she was also detained. On March 13th we had a great storm of wind, and lost company with all 3 Flemish ships, 30 or 40 leagues off the Northward Cape. On the 27th inst., 12 leagues off Scilly, the Pembroke, with the assistance of the Langport and Portland, took a frigate of 9 guns and 75 men, which came out of St. Sebastian's; there were 4 more to windward, but we could not come near them; by these men's relations, there are about the Soundings and near the Land's End, 16 or 17 frigates which came out of the aforesaid port. We have safely arrived, being 6 sail and the prize. [1 *page.*]

March 30. The Langport, Spithead.

50. Capt. Jno. Coppin to the Admiralty Commissioners. After 6 months, God has been pleased to grant our fleet a safe return, although not successful in obtaining what we went about, which has been no little trouble to me, considering the great expense we have been at, and no proceeds to defray it; but I have used the utmost of my endeavours therein. The 12th inst., we lost the company of the Foresight and the 3 advizers which we took, by a very great storm, since which we have had very foul weather and contrary winds, insomuch that we were 14 days within 50 or 60 leagues of Scilly and could gain but very little in our way.

I went for the Island Palma, where I had very great hopes of meeting with some of the West Indian fleet sooner than in our station, and if any of them had come near the island, we could scarcely have missed seeing them. Having spent some time without success, and seen only one ship, a Hollander from Guinea, we looked into Santa Cruz Road, where we saw but 5 Hollanders, and those light ships. Hearing by a Spanish boat that we took that none of the fleet had arrived, we steered for our foreign station, and in our way thither, met with an advizer called the St. Mathias, who had lain 2 months in search of the Spanish fleet, insomuch that he had spent almost all his provisions; he is bound for Cadiz or the Canaries, having no hopes of meeting with them; their stay being so long, they cannot now be expected until August. Their not coming 2 months since is much wondered at.

By several letters taken, it is mentioned that no question was made by them in Spain of these advizers meeting with them, 2 of whom were to lie 30 leagues south of Marie's, in the latitude of 35 and 36 degrees, and 2 more between Flowers and Fyall, so that the station appointed by you might have been a very fit place to receive them. If they had come home in the time of our being there, it was impossible but we should have heard of them. I request liberty for coming up to London, when I shall be able to give a larger account of proceedings, and desire order for the disposal of our ships.

About 15 leagues west of Scilly, we took a small man-of-war belonging to St. Sebastian's, with 50 men and 9 guns, commanded

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by Capt. Barnard Garratson Vones, who has given me an account of 17 sail more belonging to the same place, which are now abroad, and are commonly in the opening of the Channel. We met with the Foresight near the Berry, who had received considerable damage by the storm, and was very near foundering; but as yet no news of our 3 advizers. I also desire order for the disposal of the man-of-war, and the prisoners, for it will be chargeable and inconvenient to have them on board when we go into harbour. [1⅔ *page.*]

March 30. State's Yard, Portsmouth. **51.** Capt. Chas. Thorowgood to Col. Jno. Clerke, Admiralty Commissioner. Since Mr. Tippetts has come down, he has informed me that he saw my name at the Treasury Office in the list that came from the Pipe Office, to be a debtor to the State for the value of 14,000*l.* in pieces of 8, which, when I was in the Worcester, were put on board to redeem captives. At the first hearing, it put me almost beside myself; but since having considered it, I am satisfied in my own spirit. I have no friend in the world, unless God shall please to make you one. In truth there was a time when I did think men would or could not have been so unchristian as to destroy men, not only in their reputation, but their family. Mr. Blackborne knows the whole business, and who had this money, better than I, and I beseech you to speak to him about it; if you judge it requsite that I should appear at London, then I crave your leave, for indeed, knowing myself to be free from ever embezzling a farthing, I am unwilling to spend money to come to London, for I can ill spare it. I doubt not but before this you have an account from Capt. Copping of that squadron's arrival at Spithead. [1 *page.*]

March 30. Whitehall. **52.** Grant by the Protector to Sir John Mill, Bart., during pleasure, of the office of foster or keeper of the East bailiwick, New Forest, Hants. [*Parchment, not signed.*]

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Reference as to how Wm. Barret is to be proceeded with. [*Col.* 5.]

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16*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.* to be paid out of contingencies for fire and candle for the Guards at the Mews. [*Col.* 10.]

161*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.* to Thos. Trapham, for medicaments for Flanders, and these and instruments to pass custom free.

374*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* to the gunmakers for arms. [*Col.* 17.]

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53. Deposition of Hills Whittingham, Surveyor of the Custom House, Kinsale, before Thos. Browne, sovereign of Kinsale, and one of the justices of the peace for the county of Cork. On 13 Feb. last, Capt. Foote, of the Mermaid, came into Kinsale harbour, whereupon Deponent, with other Custom House officers, went to the house of Mary Ellis, a widow in Kinsale, where Capt. Foote was, and desired to have liberty to go on board his frigate to search for merchants' goods. Deponent, having his commission in his hand, told him he was sent by Mr. Willingham, collector of the Custom House, who had received information by letter that there were merchants' goods of several sorts on board. Capt. Foote denied to let him go on board to search, as it would be a dishonour to the State, but acknowledged that he had merchants' goods on board, and said the officers should not come on board, but if they found the goods on shore, they might seize them if they would.

Deponent went again in the evening with Mr. Willingham, who civilly demanded of Capt. Foote why he would not suffer the officers to go on board; he again refused, and would show no reason, but treated them with derision. Capt. Foote, without entering his ship in the Custom House outwards, took in, contrary to law, 142 raw hides, 38½ cwt. of molten tallow, 53 doz. candles, 18 hogsheads, and 20 barrels of beef, 6 casks of wheat, and a barrel of neats' tongues, which were entered by several merchants, and one other hogshead of beef more, that paid no duty, which were put on board the said frigate without any entry being made, or notice given to the Custom House. Suspects that there was other merchandize shipped on board outwards which was not entered nor paid any duty, as Capt. Foote would not suffer the frigate to be searched during her stay in the harbour, neither did he clear her at the Custom House before her departure.

Also deposition of John Willingham, collector of customs, to similar effect. Received advice that Mr. George, of Plymouth, who came in the said frigate for Ireland, had shipped on board a quantity of silk and ribbon, women's hoods, stockings, gloves, linens, &c., value 500*l.*, and that Jno. Suxbury, of Kinsale, was the merchant designed to receive them. Declared this to Capt. Foote in the presence of George and Suxbury, who daily associated with Capt. Foote during his stay in harbour. Capt. Vessey of the Constant Warwick, also told Deponent that George was lately a great shopkeeper in Plymouth, and was broken, to the ruin of many men, and that he and his goods came over with Capt. Foote.

Also deposition of Richard Savell, waiter of the Custom House at Kinsale. Being at his mother's house in Kinsale, where were 2 seamen, she asked them whence they came; they replied they belonged to the Mermaid, a State's man-of-war, which had been at Waterford, and had left them on shore there; and that as the frigate was to come to Kinsale, they came from Waterford by land to meet her; that she would not come to victual as she had enough, but they were sure she would come, as she had 2 trunks and some packs of rich merchants' goods, belonging to Mr. George and another merchant, which were put on board at Plymouth in the night, and

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March 31. were to be delivered to some merchants at Kinsale. Also that when the frigate was at Waterford, there were some ladies on board, thinking to have bought some of those goods, but they could not have any, as they were to be delivered to merchants in Kinsale.

Also deposition of Benj. Young and Jno. Davyes, waiters of the Custom House. Were ordered by the collectors to attend at Benson's Cove, nigh to the Mermaid, then riding at anchor, for preventing the landing of any merchants' goods out of her, when they observed several boats most of the day carrying the seamen of the frigate to and from the shore, and particularly observed one boat to row nigh the cove, and afterwards to go up towards Silly, and they following by land, saw 3 seamen newly come on shore out of the said boat; when they met Deponent, they made towards the waterside again, and Deponent following observed their pockets to be fully stuffed with goods, and several blue papers' full, sticking out. One of the seamen noticing that Deponent eyed the blue papers, covered his pockets with a loose coat and then went into the boat, and rowed to Kinsale, where they landed near the ship, over against Mr. Suxbury's house. While Deponent were at Silly, they saw another boat coming along by the shore from the ship, and somewhat short of Silly, there landed 3 seamen whom Deponents made after, and the men espying them called their boat back again, went on board, and rowed to Kinsale. Deponents meeting with the boatmen of the last boat 2 or 3 days after, and discoursing with them, they confessed that the 3 seamen that were in their boat and landed at Kinsale had 2 fine wrought pillow beers full of small goods.

Also deposition of Walter Herbert, waiter, that he went with the surveyor to Mrs. Ellis's house at Kinsale, and was present when the surveyor demanded liberty of Capt. Foote to go on board his frigate to search for merchants' goods, to which he gave an absolute denial, and yet confessed that he had some parcels of linen on board, which were committed to him by a friend, to be put off for his friend's advantage. Also that afterwards, being in company of Mr. George in Kinsale, George said that what merchants' goods he had on board the frigate he had paid duty for to the collectors at Plymouth on the shipping of them, and therefore had no reason to give notice thereof to any officer in Ireland.

From these particulars, the following evils must necessarily be deduced :—

1. To the State, by mis-spending that time and provision appointed for securing those coasts from the common enemy, and employing the same for private advantage, contrary to the intention of his Highness and the State, to the dishonour of both, and the future encouragement of pickeroons frequenting those seas.
2. To the merchants, who universally complain that, although they are constrained to pay down their customs at the import of their goods, which they conceive ought to be employed for no other end but for guarding the sea from those pests which, in this age more than any other, they

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every day meet with; nevertheless by this practice they become a prey to their merciless enemies, and exposed to all the hazards of a dangerous sea, infested with pirates even at their very doors; insomuch that not many weeks since, 6 or 7 vessels laden with merchants' goods were taken by a pirate of 10 guns out of Dublin Bay, and carried away, whereby they have almost lost their trade, none daring to adventure either from England to Ireland, or from Ireland to England, but give opportunity to strangers to steal their traffic from them, and so consequently, besides the ruin of them and their families, his Highness's revenue will sustain a very great loss thereby; and

3. As if this neglect were not a sufficient damage to the Commissioners and Farmers of Customs and Excise in Ireland, that have advanced considerably in that farm, those whom the State intended for their defence both from the common enemies abroad, and those secret ones at home that endeavour to save both duties out of a confident power, [he] supposing himself not subject to those laws, especially such as make against his own profit, does not only contrive assistance to those that deceive, but himself actually conveys merchants' goods to and from each nation in his own vessel, without either making entry or payment of duties, and also positively denies the officers to make search, or take cognizance how much uncustomed goods he has on board.

This is a great growing evil, and being confident that such practices wheresoever committed are done without the knowledge or countenance of your Honours, it is thought necessary to acquaint you therewith, praying some speedy course may be taken therein for satisfaction for what is past, and redress of the like unfaithful practice to the State for the time to come, and that you will lodge these complaints before the Committee of Grievances, where they doubt not but to receive plenary satisfaction. [7 *pages.*]

March ? **54.** Petition of Adam Jennings to the Admiralty Commissioners, for money to prevent his utter ruin. Was the first merchant that in the expedition to Mardike contracted with the Ordnance officers for goods to be paid for in a month, they pretending that the King of France was to pay forthwith the charge of Mardike. Lost 1,000*l.* by the failure of 2 Ostend and Dunkirk merchants, before Dunkirk was taken. The Mardike money has been due 17 months [since Oct. 1657], 350*l.*, and the freight of two voyages were paid in ready money; has beside 940*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* due for tar, deals, &c. bought last year, and has a wife, 7 small children, and 4 servants to maintain. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

March ? **55, 56.** Like petition. Supplied money and Norway goods for Mardike in Sept. 1657, to be paid for in a month, value 332*l.*, and goods value 486*l.* for the navy in July 1658, and has often been promised payment. Has lost 1,500*l.* since by pirates. [2 *copies.*]

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Custom House, London.

57. Saml. Whittell to Robt. Blackborne. I am commanded by the Commissioners of Customs to send you a letter they have received, for paying 2,783*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* to the two printers, which will necessarily impair the sum appropriated to the navy. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

57. I. *B. Whitelock and Thos. Widdrington [Treasury Commissioners] to the Commissioners of Customs. His Highness, by his letters of Privy Seal,* 25 *March* 1659, *directed that* 2,783*l.* 7*s.* 10*d. should be paid to Hen. Hills and Jno. Field, printers to his late and present Highness, from moneys payable for fines, forfeitures, seizures, or compositions for uncustomed, prohibited, or contraband goods, as well such as are prosecuted before you, as before the Barons of the Exchequer, which are not to be applied to any other use till the said sum be paid. It was further directed that tallies should be levied on you for the said sum, or so much thereof as should be paid to Hills and Field, until the whole was satisfied. We therefore direct you to make the said payments, and in your weekly accounts, to certify what moneys you have received and detained, so that when it amounts to any considerable sum, we may order tallies to be levied upon you, and the money be applied for satisfaction thereof. Westminster, April* 1, 1659. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

April $\frac{1}{11}$.
Leghorn.

58. Chas. Longland to [the Admiralty Commissioners.] An English ship called the Recovery has arrived from Egypt and Tunis, and when within 10 leagues of this port, a Sardinian squadron of men-of-war,—being 2 ships and a bark, the largest having 26 guns and 240 men—came up with him, clapped him aboard, and the other 2 furnished men to enter, and besides plied their great guns upon him for an hour and a half, till they found the service too hot, when they took an opportunity to be gone, and left their consort engaged. He would fain have got off and followed them, but could not, his bowsprit being entangled in the Recovery's rattlings. Capt. Marvin caused it to be lashed fast there, to give him an account of his coming aboard. The captain, seeing himself bound to good behaviour, and having 100 men slain and wounded, called for quarter and yielded up his ship, which was brought into this port by Capt. Marvin 3 days ago, to the admiration of all this city and country, and to his own particular honor, and indeed the honor of our nation, for a handsomer piece of service has not been done in my time by a merchantman. Although I believe you rather countenance and reward such noble captains than take anything from them, yet I shall not omit my duty to demand of Capt. Marvin that share of his prize that belongs to the Admiralty, but shall make but a bare demand, and not exact anything from him until I have your positive order how to govern myself, with full authority to act in this and other like cases.

As Capt. Marvin has not any commission to take Spaniards, this action may prove unlawful; but he had the most strong and

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legitimate commission in the world, which was necessity and self-preservation; for he must either have taken this ship or been taken himself. It would be no bad policy, in this time of war, to let a dozen blank commissions be in my hands, to give out in such manner and form as you shall direct; or if you refer their distribution to me, I shall render you an honest account of them. If the end of war be to damage the enemy, no way should be omitted to do it, especially that way which overabounds in good service to the State, without cost or charge.

A bark just arrived brings news that Adm. Stoakes' squadron was before Cadiz. The prize taken by Capt. Marvin is a new ship, built in Holland, the captain and 29 men being of the same nation, some say a good share of their arming and purchase belong to the Dutch. [3 *pages.*]

April 1. London. Levant Company to [Chas. Longland] Leghorn. We understand, both by complaints from Turkey and by the ill effects felt in our trade, what mischief is created by a quantity of French coins called louis or 5 sol pieces lately imported from France to Turkey, which produce 40 or 50 per cent. profit to the French, with greater loss to the English, producing a rise in Turkish commodities, and a fall thereof in France, where they are now sold cheaper than in Turkey, and this has stimulated the Dutch to coin false moneys at Amsterdam, and pass them here, and now they are also coined at Monica and dispersed in Turkey, which, unless stopped, will ruin all trade. We have written to our ambassador at Constantinople, and the English consuls in Turkey to remedy the matter; and now we desire you to tell the Great Duke, and ask him to prohibit the export of these and other false coins from his dominions, and to endeavour yourself to stop the practice. [*Levant Papers, Vol. IV., pp.* 325, 326.]

April 1. **59.** Receipt by Chas. Worthington, collector, from Fras. Edgioke [for Lord Conway] of 10*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* imposed on Arrow Lordship, and 5*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* on Luddington, as the 3 months' assessment ending 24 June next for the Army and Navy. [*Scrap.*]

April 1. **60.** Will of Sir Edm. Prideaux, Bart., Attorney-General to the Protector, bequeathing a life estate in sundry lands, furniture, and jewels to his wife, the residue of his goods to his son Edmund, with 100*l.* each to his sons-in-law, Sir Thos. Chamberlain, Giles Tooker, and John Tooker, and their wives, and 50*l.* to his son-in-law, Wm. Doble, to be bestowed in mourning, or otherwise, as they please. Also 500*l.* to his grandchild, Mary Churchill. [*Collated copy, dated* 30*th August* 1659, 1¾ *pages. With will of Lady Mary Prideaux, of Whitelackington, co. Somerset,* 22 *April* 1683, 2¼ *pages.*]

April 1. **61.** Proposal of Rob. Armestead to the King. In hopes of forwarding your restoration, I have long ago taken a particular account of the small shipping in Flanders, which I now report, in the hope that you may speedily need them. With your commission I could find enough to transport 10,000 men, with ammunition and provision, to some port of England, and I know where the men

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could leap on shore armed, and so defend themselves. I think they could march 50 miles without opposition, and thus so increase in courage and strength as to beat the enemies.

These small ships are convenient both for taking in and discharging men, and I can take the benefit of both wind and tide, and thus save many thousand pounds. The design should be kept secret, on pretence of a design against Dunkirk, or some other place in Flanders.

Your speedy and unexpected arrival in your dominions would strike such terror into your enemies that they would not dare to oppose. [2½ *page.*]

April $\frac{1}{11}$ Brussells. [Sec. Nicholas] to Mr. Steere. I have acquainted the King with all your letters; he is glad that Bussy Mansell is so well recovered, and that the business under his care is in so good a condition. I asked you 6 weeks since for your directions, but not hearing that mine, in which was one to Lord Berkley, came to your hands, I forbore to write till you told me your address. The King wishes me to tell you that what you and your friend and Mansell send shall be very welcome to him, and he will send his resolutions on hearing particulars of the affairs committed to your care. We are told to believe there will be a peace between France and Spain, but I cannot affirm the truth of it. [1 *page, draft, shorthand, Flanders correspondence.*]

April $\frac{2}{12}$. Sec. Nicholas to Mrs. Ward. Your friendly advices in your neighbour's letter have been, by both your trustees here, carefully represented for your advantage to him whom it most concerns, who is very sensible of the favour you and your friends intend him, and hopes to receive good fruits in time, when he will show that your labours have not been bestowed unprofitably. Thanks for the honour of your confidence in me. [½ *page, draft. Flanders correspondence.*]

April 3. Portsmouth. **62.** Peter Murford to the Admiralty Commissioners. I set a guard day and night over the prisoners that Capt. Copping brought in, who are now 45 men, the deputy-mayor having discharged 12 little boys, who were sick and useless, and would have been an unnecessary charge. I am confident you will take care for the prisoners' feeding, and send for them as soon as you can by a convoy of horse, the prison being a very weak house, from which many have escaped. It being seated amongst gardens, we have much trouble to climb over pales and walls to set our sentinels round the house, and at present our 3 small companies of the garrison are very weak and sickly, and unfit to march to London, for want of money to pay their quarters. [1 *page.*]

April 3. Portsmouth. **63.** Hugh Salesbury, deputy-mayor, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I secured in the town gaol the 50 Spaniards taken by Capt. Copping of the Langport, and appointed 4*d.* a day to be allowed to each, as ordered; but as the room in which they are is 18 feet square, I much fear they will suffer for want of room, some of them being sickly. There were 13 boys amongst them, whom, by consent

of Capt. Copping, I discharged, and sent forward with a pass for Dover, to procure passage for Flanders, and gave them money to bear their charges; there now remain 47 men. You ordered me to appoint somebody to allow them 4*d.* a day, but I cannot prevail with the prison keeper to disburse the money, as it will amount to a large sum weekly; neither will the Sub-Commissioners for Prize Goods disburse any. It is their place, if you think fit to order it, or to order Mr. Child, deputy-treasurer, who has a resident clerk here, to disburse the money weekly, on certificate from the deputy-governor and myself. I have taken care in the meantime, which I hope will be within a few days. [1 *page.*]

April 4. Weymouth. **64.** Capt. Geo. Pley to Col. Clerke, M.P., and the Admiralty Commissioners. I received the Commissioners' letter of the 31st ult., and will deliver the prize to the Collector of Customs here. As for Oliver Moore, I sent Capt. Hatsell an agreement, signed by 3 masters of London, and Moore, to endeavour the exchange of Capt. Coots, and three of them are away on their parole, but Moore remains behind to make good the exchange, or that those 3 masters shall return again within a prefixed time.

A bill was accepted last October by the Navy Commissioners for sailcloth. Pray move that it may be paid, for I am so much in disburse for sailcloth that it disheartens me to act further, as I pay ready money for it. I could provide three times the quantity, could I be sure of money in a reasonable time; but it is so difficult to be had, and so long coming, that I am quite discouraged. It is a pity such a manufacture, so well set, should fall to the ground, as it must, if no better supply of money can be had. There is a bill of 150*l.* which the Navy Commissioners scruple to accept. It is for 17 ballots that lie here ready to be shipped for Portsmouth, when any of the State's ships are bound this way. Surely they need not scruple it, for unless I meet with quicker payment than usual, it will be tendered before the bill is paid. For the future, I shall never charge money on them before the sailcloth be rendered into the store at Portsmouth, and certified by the storekeeper; but I seldom meet with an opportunity to send it up. [1 *page.*]

April 5. The Maidstone, Rolling Grounds, near Harwich. **65.** Capt. Thos. Penrose to the Admiralty Commissioners. On 16th of January I sailed for the Sound, by order of Vice-Adm. Goodson, with a packet from his Highness; after a violent storm for 24 hours in the Scaw, we arrived at Elsinore the 27th, and found the King of Sweden and Sir Phil. Meadows there, so that I had nothing else to do in sending away the packet. The King, however, being then ready for the storming of Copenhagen, Sir Philip would not send me away until that were over, and ordered me, if there were any appearance of ice, to go for Landscrona, where I went, and was frozen up until 20th March, in which time our purser and 7 men died. As soon as possible I came out to Elsinore, where his Majesty very much desired I should stay until the fleet came; but as soon as a wind presented, no fleet appearing, I had my dispatch, arrived this day, and have sent away the packet. I searched about the Scaw for the fleet, but could not hear anything of them. If I am

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ordered into Harwich, I desire 2 or 3 days' liberty to wait on you, as I have many things to add in relation to our voyage, and also as to this ship. The money which I was ordered to receive from his Majesty for victualling Sir Geo. Ayscue's men, Sir Philip Meadows has given an account of in his packet. I did not receive any, and I have only 6 days' provisions left. [1 *page.*]

April 5. Portsmouth. **66.** Hugh Salesbury, deputy-mayor, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send a petition of some English seamen, taken prisoners by the Spaniards, and confined at St. Sebastian's, and then forced to serve in the St. Mary of St. Sebastian, which was taken, and they are now prisoners in Portsmouth; I beg orders therein. [½ *page.*]

Enclosing,

66. I. *Petition of Wm. Atwell, and 3 other prisoners at Portsmouth to the Admiralty Commissioners, for an order for their release. Are all Englishmen, and were taken from different English ships named, by the St. Sebastian men-of-war, and confined in prison at St. Sebastian's, where they endured much hardship, and no probability of releasement, unless they consented to go to sea with them. This they at last agreed to, hoping it might please God to send them deliverance by the ship's being taken by some of the English men-of-war, which so happened by their being taken by the Langport, and they are now in prison with the Spaniards at Portsmouth.* [1 *page.*]

April 6. Weymouth. **67.** Capt. Geo. Pley to Col. Clerke, M.P., Admiralty Commissioner. Oliver Moore, a prisoner in St. Sebastian, is endeavouring his exchange, with 3 other masters of ships, for Capt. Coots; and if that cannot be obtained, those 3, now come on their parole, are to return thither, for performance of which Moore lies behind a prisoner, so I shall not trouble you with any exchange of these men here for him. I desire the exchange of Nicholas Cookey, a friend of mine, of this place, lately taken between Guernsey and St. Malo, with 2 of his men and a boy. He had but 2 guns, and fought a long time, and killed and hurt 9 of the enemy's men; and had not Capt. Country pressed one of his men at Falmouth, he probably would have saved his vessel. I also desire you will move the Commissioners that there may be 4 of these common men exchanged for the 4 above named, and that an order may be sent next post to clear them, for those in Ostend are in a sad condition, and with small allowance. [¾ *page.*]

[April 7.] **68, 69.** Petition of Sarah Norris of Bristol, to the Protector and Council. I was ruined by my good affection in the late war, in helping the well affected prisoners of war in the city, and in giving intelligence to our armies, especially in warning them of an attack intended by the enemy, which being discovered, I had to fly for my life, and leave my goods and stock to plunder; my husband died in prison and left 6 small children. My losses and my husband's loans to Lord Fiennes for the State come to 3,000*l.* Your father promised me help. If I cannot be repaid, I beg some present relief. With

reference, signed by the Protector, to Council, 2 Nov. 1658; note of reference by Council to a Committee, 30 Nov.; and the report of Fleetwood, Sydenham, Desborow, and Skippon, 6 Jan. 1658–9, that 20*s.* a week should be allowed her. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

69. I. *Certificate of John Haggatt and 4 others to the losses and fidelity of Jas. Reade of Bristol, and Sarah his widow, in helping prisoners, and giving intelligence of designs.*

[April 7.] Note of order in Council for payment of the 20*s.* a week. [*Index, I.* 84, *col.* 29.]

April 8. Little Dean. **70.** Maj. Jno. Wade to the Admiralty Commissioners. Particulars of the iron and timber delivered out of Dean Forest for the Navy since Sept. 1654. For cash I certify none, as you require none; neither can I signify what timber Mr. Aldridge sent from hence to London; so that must be certified by the Navy Commissioners, who received what he sent into the State's yards.

It were well if a Justice in Eyre were resolved upon and empowered, the time approaching for the keeping of it, according to law, and never more needed, when horrid offenders can so impudently appear with petitions in their hands, calling that to be right which is against all law and justice. One of those petitioners has come down, making great brags of what great favour their petitions receive, and that all the inclosures shall be put open, and the whole rabble put in their cattle of all sorts; there are boasts of what great promises some members of the House have made, that all things shall be granted that is desired; out of the encouragement they receive by letters from London, they speak strangely, and act worse, for the Forest, in the chief coppices, has been set on fire in 20 places. The chief of these petitioners is named Stallard, and is now in London; he was heretofore a Cavalier, and for offences done in the prime part of the Forest, was fined at the last justice seat nearly 300*l.*, but it was mercifully mitigated to 20*l.* Lord Desborow knows him well, and so does Serjt. Seise. Some conference should be had about it, but if it be the Parliament's pleasure, or any other's, that the Forest shall be left at the pleasure of the people, let me know it, and I shall as willingly turn my back upon it as ever I came from school. It were acting the part of a schoolboy to make complaints, but I have cause, as last Monday, some of the officers were set upon in performance of their duty, one being knocked down; but the next day I sent some more, who met with no opposition. [1 *page*]. *Enclosing,*

70. I. *Account of shot, hoops, bolts, spikes, and other ironwork sent to Bristol and London from Dean Forest for the Navy, between* 3 *Sept.* 1654 *and* 25 *March* 1659. [1 *sheet.*]

70. II. *Account of timber and treenails sent to Lidney Pill and thence to London, including what was used there in repairing and building new frigates, and what remains in the yard, from* 27 *Sept.* 1656 *to* 28 *March* 1659. [¾ *page.*]

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500*l.* to [Fras.] Hodges for the wives [of those slain] in Jamaica. [*Col.* 23.]

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Payment to Adam Jennings for provisions delivered in Flanders. [*Cols.* 17, 23.]

374*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* to gunmakers for arms for Flanders. [*Col.* 19.]

The letter of Maj. Theop. Hart read. [*Col.* 22.]

Lord Ingoldsby's regiment to be paid up with the rest of the horse in town. [*Col.* 23.]

The petition of Viscountess Ranelagh referred. [*Col.* 35.]

Lieut.-Col. Stephens' case about the lot referred. [*Col.* 39.]

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April 9. Portsmouth.

71. Peter Murford to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have examined the captain of the man-of-war taken by Capt. Copping, and find he is a Dutchman by birth, 26 years of age, and a bachelor; was born in Wynoxbergen in Flanders, has used the sea since he was 12 years of age, and been a captain 5 years, and his owners are 2 Spaniards living at St. Sebastian's. Having no relations or kindred there, he cannot offer any one in exchange for himself and his company, and there are no English prisoners there except Capt. Cuttings' son, who is begged of the Admiralty there by Beech's wife, whose husband is a prisoner at Plymouth, who allows him 1*s.* a day, but he is kept in irons, as Beech is at Plymouth. I propounded to the captain to gain an exchange from Ostend, but he said they will only do so for such as belong to that town, and the Admiralty at St. Sebastian's will not exchange any of theirs; I cannot therefore offer any exchange, unless you grant him his parole to return home, when he doubts not to catch as many Englishmen as may exchange him and his men. He pleads that their custom is, when they take a prize, to set all the men, except the master, at liberty, if he will buy his ship and goods again. He much complains of his hard usage here, being shut up with 44 men in a close room, where they will inevitably breed sickness, their lodging the bare boards, and having little air. They pray removal or more liberty for their health, promise they will not escape, and say that as prisoners are used in England, so the Admiralty of St. Sebastian's will also use the Englishmen they shall take, in retaliation. There are 4 Englishmen amongst them, who being taken, and being poor, took employment

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to live. I desire further order concerning these prisoners, so as to prevent infection. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

71. I., II. *Lists of the officers and seamen taken in the St. Mary of St. Sebastian, and brought prisoners into Portsmouth by Capt. Coppin.* [*Dutch and English.*]

April 12. The Lyme, Toulon.

72. Rear-Admiral Jno. Stoakes to the [Admiralty Commissioners.] My last to you was from the Isles of Hieres, whence I set sail the 29th of January, and plyed for Cape Martin, whither I got in a few days; thence I went along the Spanish shore, but only met 4 boats of 15 tons a piece, which had been carrying corn from one port to another; and being empty, the men ran ashore and left them. On 16 February I passed the Straits' mouth, where the Taunton from Algiers met me, and brought me a copy of their letter to his Highness about those Turks taken in the Angel, by which I judged it unnecessary to act any further with those people, until I knew his Highness's answer to their letter; so that from thence I proceeded to Cadiz, being in no little hope to meet with something worth my labour, and to help to lessen his Highness's charge, dispatched the Malaga to the Consul at Tetuan, to provide me with 150 head of cattle and 200 quentals of bread, which he did. I kept that station 27 days, and met with nothing, but understood there was little hope of galleons until April.

The Duke of Medina Cæli, Captain-General of Andalusia, being in no small care upon our appearance, procured young Tromp to come out and see who we were, and how many. I very well understood his meaning, and returned him with such news as made them no great gainers by the voyage; but my victuals not permitting my longer stay, I went for Tetuan, and took in 26 days' beef, 200 quintals of bread, and 500 bushels of corn, and then stood over for Malaga road at the Mould Head, where lay a man-of-war of 28 guns; but it being judged that we should receive more damage than the service might be worth, we plied along the shore, where we met with a boat laden with Corfu fruit, and took 700 frails; before moving, such a storm arose that notwithstanding the Fairfax bore out of the Straits' mouth with her, she was at last forced to cut her away, having much to do to save her people. This storm separated us, myself and the Taunton being left alone plying along the shore but the Fairfax came up with me off Cape de Gatt, when meeting with 3 English ships bound out, I was forced to spare them the Taunton to secure them through the Straits, as there were 2 Majorca ships lying in Gibraltar, of 30 and 22 guns, who saw all that passed by on that side, and they of Seuta on the other side advise them, either by smoke or shooting, who passes, and how many, as I experimented going in and out; indeed all our diligence is rendered fruitless by their watchtowers and watchfulness.

Off Cape Paul, myself and the Fairfax met Commander John Omes, he who baffled Capt. Whitstone, with 8 ships under his convoy, which we searched; one was bound from Leghorn to Cadiz, very richly laden, but all the goods were in Dutch, Florentine, and Genoese names, nor can we expect other, or hope for prize, but what is navigated by Spaniards themselves. On 24 March we

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April 12. met 4 more Dutchmen from Majorca, laden with oil for their own account. The next day, being close on board the island, 5 Moors came off to us, belonging to Algiers, who were slaves to the Spaniards. The next day, the Fairfax took a satea from Barcelona, bound for Majorca, formerly a man-of-war, but then carrying 52 passengers; he was forced to run her on board, and so carried all her masts away, but notwithstanding made shift to tow her hither, being unwilling to lose anything that might make money, be it never so little. At the noise of the guns shot at the satea, the Phœnix, Dover, Tiger, and Malaga came to leeward of us, plying for this port, where we arrived the 4th instant, in want of all necessaries, but the fruit did us no small service. I issued it out in 3 lbs., with 4 lbs. of wheat, to serve six men for fish, cheese, and butter, and have wheat left for 24 days, and fruit for twice as long. I am much afraid I shall be hardly able to give you any better account, all our friends in amity with us covering that small trade the Spaniards have; this will better appear by the copy of a paper taken in the satea, the original of which has been sent to Mr. Secretary.

In answer to yours of the 10th and 24th of Feb., and 3rd of March, in which you notice the proportion of victuals coming to me under convoy of the Dragon, God send her safe, as she runs a very great adventure, the sea being very full of enemies. The face of affairs in this kingdom is much changed towards us, so that instead of assisting us, they hinder us all they can, having seized the boat and goods I wrote you from the Isles of Hieres I had sold; nor will they take any satisfaction for the pretended 10ths due for prizes sold at Marseilles last year, but keep me in suspense, and disturb the sale of whatever might fall into my hands; this port being thus become unserviceable, we have no other convenient one on this side.

The letters that I took in the satea generally advise of peace between Spain and this kingdom, and the best intelligence here confirms it; if so, you will have little reason to trust this squadron in these seas any longer, and it would be no small satisfaction to me to know how you intend to dispose of me, that is, how long it may be before I give you an account of all my proceedings by word of mouth. The credit you give me I shall not be able to use, all the merchants being afraid to deal with the State, being fully advised what difficulty there is to recover the bills I have already passed; it would be a great ease to me that in such things as concern merchants, they might have your order to furnish me with 4 months' bread, butter, cheese, and beverage that will be wanted to complete the rest of the victuals when they arrive. It will amount to a very considerable sum of money, not mentioning my furnishing myself with all sorts until they arrive, and the fitting and cleaning the Tiger and Malaga, which I have hitherto manned and borne upon this ship. If I might have your consent, I would thoroughly man her, whereby she might be more serviceable to you. The Lyme and Phœnix cannot be kept out this summer.

Concerning the affront done us by the Duke of Vendosme I have given a large account to Mr. Secretary, as also to my Lord Ambassador, it being now nearly 4 months and no redress. There

are 4,000 of the St. Maria's hides detained upon the 10ths, as well as the satea and goods, by which means I have not a piece of 8 to help myself, your credit given me being ineffectual, and mine also, by the non payment of my bill drawn upon the Navy Commissioners for the last necessary money, which bill lies in the hands of Jno. Powell, your messenger, as Capt. Young writes me.

P.S.—Since the above was written, I have received yours of 24 Mar., advising the victuallers being detained in Lee Road. Very unwelcome news to me, all sorts of provisions here being risen for want of rain, and if the victualler should not come in 3 weeks' time, I shall be forced to Leghorn to see what that place will afford. [3 *pages.*]

April 12. **73.** Duplicate of the above, omitting the P.S. [2½ *pages.*]

April 13. Weymouth. **74.** Capt. Geo. Pley to Robt. Blackborne. I have received yours, and notice that Capt. Coots is to be exchanged for the captain of the Nonsuch ketch, and therefore those masters cannot expect to be exchanged for him. I also notice that the Admiralty Commissioners have ordered acceptance to my bill of 150*l.* on account of sailcloth, and hope they will order speedy payment, as the money is much wanted here to carry on that affair.

Pray get Nich. Cookey with his 2 men and a boy exchanged for 4 common men now here in gaol, taken by Capt. Lambert. The master is a friend of mine, and they are now prisoners in Ostend; if this request is granted, let the Commissioners' order be sent the first post for freeing these 4 men. [⅔ *page.*]

April 13/23. Portsmouth Prison. **75.** Capt. Bernart to the Admiralty Commissioners. It has pleased you to make me your prisoner, being taken in one of the 5 frigates which came from the west, I coming from Sebastian's, to which place I and my frigate belong. I am now in the prison of this town, by command of the Governor, miserably fettered, and suffering from hunger and thirst, and know not any reason which might have moved him for so doing, in regard that in Biscay, during this present war between his Majesty and the States of England, never any cruelty was used against officers or mariners of this State who had been taken prisoners, much less were they kept in prison, but presently released and sent home with a good conduct, whereof those Englishmen who sailed with us, and are at present here with us, can bear testimony.

Wherefore I humbly entreat you to take pity upon me and my men, who begin to be very much afflicted with sickness. We were never guilty of the faults of those of Flanders or Galicia, being of Biscay, a particular province, and far distant from those places. I also entreat, if you intend to keep me and my men here still prisoners, that I may have leave to write my masters and friends in what condition we are here kept, otherwise we must end our lives here, they having no news of us, nor we of them, which was never seen nor known in St. Sebastian's. On the contrary, they have always liberty to send over their letters from thence to their dwellings, to remain there, or return for England. I therefore hope you will consider my request, and commiserate the sad condition of your poor prisoners. [*Dutch,* 2 *pages.*]

April 13/23. **76.** Translation of the above. [2 *pages.*]

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April $\frac{14}{24}$. Sec. Thurloe to Ambassador Lockhart. His Highness a few days since said that God had revealed it to him that he must sink with or stick to the party; being asked who they were, he said, "the Commonwealth's men in the House;" "Who were they?" he was asked; and he answered, "Sir Art. Hesilrigge and Sir Hen. Vane." Charles Stuart and his family must be disowned.

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There are new motions in the army. A general council of officers met lately, and presented an address to his Highness, and have further meetings. I trust it will turn to good. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

April 14. Milford. **77.** Capt. Rich. Cowes to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have received your letter of the 24th ult., and another at Dublin of the 8th inst., and have sent an answer by the Dublin packet, which I hope will give you satisfaction, for I have already cleared myself of those aspersions falsely laid to my charge before his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and have sent his letter enclosed with mine to you, which clearly manifests the same.

As my adversaries have sought my ruin by slandering me to you and the Lord Lieutenant, I hold it my duty to tell you that they have most maliciously belied me, and requited me evil for good, as without my assistance, their ships and goods had been in a manner quite lost; for by my means the 7 ships that were taken were saved, and likewise the ransoms and divers persons of quality. They also accuse me of cowardice, but they never were able to prove their assertion, for if resolution and willingness to assail the enemy would have profited us, the enemy had not escaped my hands; but the weather was so bad that, had the most able man that commands at sea been in our frigate, he could not do service at that time. I prize my reputation dearer than my life, and the honour of my country dearer than both; and although some that haply have been losers by the frigate that I lately chased have, by my not effecting the business I had in hand, had opportunity to vent their malice against me, yet I hope that the justness of my cause will so far prevail that I shall not thereby incur your displeasure, unto whose goodness I am infinitely obliged for giving me knowledge of what was laid to my charge. I have convoyed the Bristol fleet, come in to victual and tallow, and will return to Dublin. [1 *page.*]

April $\frac{15}{25}$. Leghorn. **78.** Chas. Longland to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have received yours of the 11th ult., that you were setting out a powerful fleet of 40 sail; God give them good success, if bound for the Sound or wherever else. The Dutch have hitherto made a great noise with their fleets going out, but last week they are all mute; it seems they can get no seamen to man their ships. I hope they will be so wise as not to go at all, and so prevent an occasion of quarrel, and then there is not much doubt but Copenhagen will quickly fall into the King of Sweden's hands, who may favour the English in the trade of the Baltic Sea, as much as the King of Denmark lately did the Dutch, who will be ruined if deprived of that trade. It is reported here that Cronenburg is to

be put into the hands of his Highness, which will be of greater consideration than Dunkirk, and is the only place in the world to curb the Dutch; for if that strong castle be in his Highness's hands, he may easily give laws to them. The ship taken by Capt. Marvin from the Spaniards was a new one, built in Holland, and the captain a Hollander, whose father, Lawrence Reyerson, now lives in Amsterdam, and is a quarter part owner of the ship which was victualled and armed to take English. Here is another Dutchman [who] has taken the Spanish commission, whereof I shall give Admiral Stoakes notice, who is now at Toulon; if you think good to send me some blank commissions to give to English merchant ships to take Spaniards, it will be advantageous to the State. [2 *pages.*]

April 16. Oxford. **79.** Dr. Thos. Clayton to Mr. Rosine, Whitehall. Thanks for your civilities. At request of Mr. Vashan, a countryman of yours, I certify that he has long ago taken his B.A. degree here, but lacks a year or 2 of the time required by our statutes for his doctor's degree. He intends to solicit a dispensation from our Chancellor, which is ordinary, and was lately granted to Mr. Hodges. [1 *page.*]

April 16. Weymouth. **80.** Capt. Geo. Pley to the Navy Commissioners. I lately drew a bill on you for 87*l.* 14*s.*, payable to Jno. Harbin of London, for moneys disbursed for masting and fitting the Bramble; but after keeping it 15 days, he returned it unaccepted, at which I much wonder. I doubted I might meet with delay in its payment, but never questioned its acceptance; this has prejudiced me and my friends, who depended upon it for payment of a foreign bill. I have now given another payable to Thos. Weaver, and hope it will find acceptance and speedy payment, as I cannot be in disburse at this rate for everything I do for the State. I hear from Mr. Blackborne that he has received directions from the Admiralty Commissioners to repair to them about giving acceptance to my other bill of 150*l.* for sailcloth, and hope it has been effected. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

April 19. The Lyme, Toulon. **81.** Capt. Jno. Stoakes to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have cleaned the Tiger and Malaga, the latter of which will go out to-day, and lie off the Isles until the Tiger follows her, and I hope to be ready to go to sea with the rest of the fleet by this day week, when, if there is no advice of the departure of the victualler, I shall go for Leghorn, having furnished myself here with what I am able.

Every time we come into harbour to water, and take up our casks, they are so rotten that the greater part of our time is taken up in fitting them to hold our liquor. I have received provisions from Mr. Aldworth, value 3,000 dollars, which is 750*l.* sterling, and have passed my bills upon the Treasurer according to your order, not doubting but they will be punctually complied with, having sufficiently complained of the affront and injury by the retarded payment of my last. I hope you will not take amiss what I have said concerning this point, all being out of zeal to the better carrying on of your affairs, which otherwise cannot be done. [1 *page.*]

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82. Jno. Aldworth to the [Admiralty Commissioners]. Last post I sent an account of the arrival of Admiral Stoakes with his squadron at Toulon, since which he has careened 2 frigates, received the bread and beverage wine I had prepared for him, and drawn 2 bills of exchange on the Navy Treasurer for the amount. I do not question but you will cause them to be punctually paid. The Admiral will re-sail in 5 or 6 days, and remain abroad until the victualler arrives. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

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May 2.
Paris.

[Amb. Lockhart] to Amb. Downing. As to Lord Percy's estate, some time before his death, he sent for Lord Jermyn and Mr. Montague, and made them his trustees, but I cannot find what the will was. Some say the land falls to his brother, the Earl of Northumberland, and that he left something to the Countess of Leicester, Lady Strangford, and Mason, an old servant, who, with a gentleman sent from England, is to transport the corpse thither. Col. Sydney may know more through my lady his mother. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

April 23.
May 3.
Paris.

Marquis du Chastel to [M. de Vaux, London].* It is said that Lockhart asks for a marshal's baton and 500,000 livres for giving *Dunkirk,* but I don't think it possible. The garrison of 93† has gone out, at which I am glad.

If *Rich. Cromwell* is pressed by *the Army,* as you say, there will be great disorder. Something is brewing that I cannot discover, but if *Richard* knew and believed *me, I* could advise him what to do, and perhaps have power and intrigue enough to preserve his interests and those of *Viscount Falconbridge* with *the Cardinal, the King of Scots,* 416 and 417†.

If anything is wanted from C. V.† for *Richard* or *Falconbridge I* hope to manage it, for I foresee a miserable future for them. Commend me to *the Earl of Arundel.* Burn this letter. If *Fleetwood* agrees with *the King of Scots, Richard* ought to prime (?) him. He is the only one who can do it with C. V.† without fear of death from *the Cardinal* and others. [1 *page, French, copy. French correspondence. Italic cyphers undecyphered.*]

April 25.
May 5.
London.

[M. de Vaux] to the Marquis du Chastel. On Friday evening, *Fleetwood,* with many army officers, went to *the Protector,* and told him absolutely that he must sign a bill to dissolve Parliament, and that without hesitation; *the Protector* wished to ask advice of his Council, but was not allowed, and was obliged to sign. Thereupon he sent for his brother-in-law, Falconbridge, Ingoldsby, Whalley, Goffe, Howard, and Aker, all army officers, and his creatures from the benefits received from his father, and they resolved that their regiments of cavalry and infantry should secure Whitehall and other parts necessary to favour their design; but the officers and

* A key to the cypher of this correspondence has been formed from decyphers interlined, &c., and will be found in Cypher Collections, Vol. VI., No. 35*g*. The name of M. de Vaux appears in a small note in the same cypher, in the French correspondence, dated 25 July 1659.—ED.

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soldiers refused to come, being gained by the contrary party, who, at the same time, changed the Protector's guards. On Saturday morning they sent this message to Parliament by the Black Rod. He told the Upper House, and bade them tell the Lower House, through Fiennes, their chancellor; but they would not let him enter (whether it were that the Protector had warned them or not), and they adjourned to this day, Monday. This did not prevent the proclamation for dissolution of Parliament being published this morning. Some members coming to take their places found the doors shut and guarded by soldiers.

The question is whether by law the Parliament could be dissolved. *The Protector* is in ill condition; he rages against *Fleetwood*, the chief of the band, whom the Army have declared General, and Desborow Lieut.-General, and it is not yet known who will be master. The people are in strange consternation. It seemed before that the Protector stood well with Parliament, and had a strong party in it. Catholics and Royalists are ordered out of London, except those who are habitual residents. [*French*, 1⅔ *pages. French correspondence. Italics cyphers.*]

April 25. / May 5. London. Similar letter, partly in cypher, with P.S.—Lord Falconbridge is gone into the country, to make a party there. [*French*, 1 *page. French correspondence.*]

April 25. / May 5. London. ———— to ————. This Parliament having forbidden the army officers to continue their meetings, they have obliged the Protector, against his will, to dissolve it. This passed with circumstances that demand more leisure, and which you shall know by the next post. [*French, scrap. French correspondence.*]

April 26. The Naseby, Hope. **83.** Proceedings of a court-martial held on board the Naseby, before Vice-Adm. Goodson, president, Rear-Adm. Sir Rich. Stayner, Captains Roger Cuttance, Jonas Poole, Eustace Smith, Jno. Harman, Robt. Kirby, and Jno. Fowler, Judge-Advocate of the Fleet, respecting the taking of imprest and conduct money by Edw. Talbot, a waterman, who then refused to serve, and spoke contemptuously of the Lord Protector. The court heard an order read from the Admiralty Commissioners, as to the conveyance of Talbot on board the Great Charity at Woolwich, to be secured there until she arrived in the Hope, in order to his trial by a court-martial, for having received prest and conduct money, and then refused to serve, according to a ticket delivered to him; as also for speaking contemptuously of his Highness, in whose name he was impressed. They also heard the examination of Talbot, taken by the Judge-Advocate, and acknowledged by him; but he denies the taking of prest and conduct money, as also the uttering any of the words attributed to him in contempt of his Highness, which words are only hinted in general terms in the said order, without specification of them in express terms, whereby the quality of the offence, by contemptuous speeches of his Highness, cannot be rightly discerned, and so there is no evidence, either personal or in writing, before the court, whereby condign sentence and punishment might have been pronounced.

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Resolved, that Talbot be returned on board the Great Charity, to serve there during the voyage, and his pay sequestered, but be subject to no further punishment, until full information has been taken, with due proof, of the words spoken of his Highness, and then the same shall be transmitted to the Admiralty Commissioners, to be forwarded to the Generals of the Fleet for further proceedings. The Judge-Advocate meantime is to send a copy of the examination of Talbot, as also of the result of the Court, signed by the Vice-Admiral and himself, to the Admiralty Commissioners. [1¼ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

83. I. *Examination of Edw. Talbot. Last March, had a ticket tendered him by Jno. Hunnington and Jno. Palmer, beadles of Watermen's Hall, to serve at sea in the present expedition. He refused to obey, and did not receive press or conduct money from either of them. The day after, was summoned before Rich. Nutt and other masters of that company, when the beadles asserted that he said he did not care a straw for the Lord Protector, in whose name the ticket had been presented to him. Does not remember having uttered any such words when the beadles offered him the ticket, but admits that he had been drinking with a countryman of his. After the examination, the masters of the company committed him to the Counter, where he remained* 3 *days, and was brought thence by Hunnington, who took him to the Admiralty at Whitehall, where he saw Mr. Nutt, one of the masters of the company, who told him that he would have to stay there to speak with the Admiralty Commissioners, and that they did not come there until the evening. Does not know what Nutt or Hunnington told the Admiralty Commissioners, as he was not admitted into their presence to answer for himself; but the same night he was committed to the Court Guard in Whitehall, where he remained* 24 *hours, and then was brought down to Woolwich by Thos. Davis, messenger of the Admiralty Commissioners, by their order, to be secured on board the Great Charity, where he has since remained. The Naseby,* 25 *April* 1659. [1½ *pages.*]

April 26. The Lyme, Toulon.

84. Rear-Adm. Jno. Stoakes to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have now been in this harbour 3 post days, by each of which I have given you an account of my proceedings, and have received yours of the 7th instant, advising the departure of the victualler; but in respect of the variableness of the weather and uncertainty of the passage, all the commanders with me think it will be more to your service to put to sea and do something with the provisions we have, which is nearly 6 weeks' of all sorts, pork and peas excepted, and with these I hope I may be able to visit Genoa, for which I have received a particular command from his Highness, and to demand restitution of the Lady frigate, taken out of the Road of Petras by a private man-of-war of theirs.

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This done I shall proceed for Leghorn, to provide myself with necessaries not to be had here, and from thence, God willing, shall go to Tunis, my appearance there being very necessary to put a right understanding between us and those people, who have been of late distasted by a merchant ship killing one of their people in a salute of one of their ships, commanded by an English renegado, who endeavours all he can to blow the coals between us. From thence for Algiers, to see if I can quiet those people, the very noise of their inclination to a breach with us being prejudicial to our commerce; in this passage I shall supply myself with bread to complete what I shall receive by the Dragon, for whom I shall leave orders here that the victualler [do not] stay in this harbour, but follow me, if he comes in 10 days after me. If it please God to favour us with seasonable winds and weather, I hope to return hither in 50 or 60 days, which will be a convenient time to put in execution another command of his Highness, of which in its due time I shall give you an account; had not the wind blown hard at East, I had been by this time out at sea to take the first fair wind. [1 *page.*]

April 29. Clifford's Tower, [York]. **85.** Capt. Gervase Harestaffe to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received yours requiring an account of the escape of the 11 prisoners. I understand there was neither connivance by the gaoler nor any of his servants, but the gaol being full of debtors and felons, they were secured in a by-place in the castle, formerly the women's gaol, being somewhat distant from my guard, and but a weak place. In the dead time of the night, they broke the wall on the backside of the castle, and 14 of them escaped, but being pursued, 3 of them were retaken. The gaoler, myself, and the soldiers took as much care and pains as possible to regain them; 3 of the 11 were in the exchange you last sent, and would have been set at liberty had they stayed. Since the retaking of the before-mentioned 3, the gaoler has put them in irons, which they take very ill, and say they are no felons; but he says they are, as they have broke his gaol, although prisoners of war, and he has also taken special care in securing the rest. I shall aid him in anything that lies in my power. [¾ *page.*]

April 30. / May 10. Marquis du Chastel to [M. De Vaux, London]. Your last speaks of great changes in your condition. I always thought that would happen, for I knew long ago that *Fleetwood* was trying to supplant *Rich. Cromwell* and to make himself master, either for himself, or for the re-establishment of *the King of Scots;* the sequence will show which. But if *Richard* would believe *me,* he would bribe *Fleetwood* and come to an accommodation, and would have all the honour that the others are wanting to get. If you have access to *Richard,* speak frankly to him in this crisis, and he shall be promptly and faithfully served, when he knows what he wishes to be advanced. It is time that *you* and the Earl of Arundel looked to your safety, and *Morland* and *his wife* also. I will help you all I can. *I* told you long ago that *Thurloe* was tricking. *Richard* must beware of him. I am *Falconbridge's* servant for ever. *M. Bordeaux* has sent a courier here. [⅔ *page, French, copy, French correspondence. Italics cyphers not decyphered.*]

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Knowing it is of you I must expect justice, I beg that an undelayed equal trial may be no longer denied me, but that judgment may be proceeded to, according to the charge, defence, and evidence now lying before you, by which I desire to stand or fall. I likewise desire you to consider that, although in effect no prisoner, I am yet tied to two great inconveniences, *viz.*, either by attending a decision of this difference not only to ruin myself in my estate, but to neglect the tempting providence to the care of me elsewhere; or to prevent both, by absenting myself, to give my enemies the satisfaction of acknowledging justice in their proceedings, though I am conscious it is nothing but malice. [1 *page.*]

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1659. May $\frac{1}{11}$. Calais. Sir Jas. Hamilton to the King. My nephew wishes me to tell you that the army forced Cromwell to dissolve the Parliament, and that he has no more power, for Fleetwood has absolute power over the army. They intend to settle the government in a Commonwealth. If you think fit to make use of your friends in time, before they can settle the form of government, he will do what lies in his power; but he wants to know in time, that he may engage all his friends to be ready. You have to consider whether you can trust; you know him of old, and what he can do. Send to him by me, and I will send it safely, or carry it myself to him. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

May $\frac{1}{11}$. Paris. Earl of Inchiquin to the Countess of Dysart. Your news of the Parliament being dissolved, and his Highness on uncertain terms with the army, will interrupt a projected peace between Spain and England till some steady government be settled at home.

The Cavaliers fancy that the army may call in the King of Scots, as finding no other way to settle themselves in a steady way of being kept up but by restoring them, and obliging him to it; but this I fear not, though I shall be in trouble till I see union amongst us at home. [*Scrap, copy, French correspondence.*]

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May $\frac{2}{12}$. Vreint Prison. Sir Rob. Walsh to [Sec. Nicholas]. I beg a copy of the petitions presented to the King last summer by the keeper of this prison; they will be in your hands or Sir Edw. Walker's. I am troubled that the King still censures my carriage, loyalty, and zeal, but having so often petitioned, I know not how to help it. If all my blood could contribute to his service, I would freely give it; I would I had served God as faithfully. My misfortune is that my accusers would not show their faces before justice, but I will not repine, seeing my Saviour was condemned because his judges would not hear the truth. My gracious King ordered me 20 stivers a day to keep me from starving; I have often been near it, and am naked, not having changed my clothes this 27 months that I have been here, and I have only received the pay for 9 months, but have not importuned because I would not give dissatisfaction. Whenever I die, my end shall prove me a loyal subject.

Endorsed [by Nicholas] "Reason that since himself is forth, he is released, and is not obliged to pay him." [3 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

May 5. **1.** Certificate by Dr. Thos. Owen that Moore Fortune, of Magdalen College, Oxford, is of pregnant parts and learned, and has performed all the exercises for a B.A. degree, and request that 2 terms may be given him, as he was kept from the University a year after he was fit for it. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

May $\frac{5}{15}$. Whitehall. Sec. Thurloe to Amb. Lockhart. The officers here have at last resolved to call the Long Parliament, as it was when his late Highness sent them home, whereby his Highness is excluded from any share in the government, and must retire as a private gentleman, only it is said they will allow him 20,000*l.* a year and Somerset House. All who have been in relation to his father and him are much afflicted. I am in such confusion that I can scarce write about it. Parliament is to meet on Monday, and then the present power will cease. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

May $\frac{5}{15}$. London. ——— to ———. The Army officers, who are now masters, have resolved to call the Long Parliament, which was in the time of the late Protector and broken up by him, to exclude the new Protector from the Government entirely, and to give him 20,000*l.* a year, and Somerset House to live in as a private gentleman. This great and sudden change so astonishes the creatures of his late father, that they seem as though struck by a thunderbolt. Let our friends know, that they may take advantage of this. It is hard to judge what part Monk will take in Scotland, and Montague at sea. This latter is much attached to the Protector's interests, but it is to be feared that if he is continued in his charge, he will accommodate himself to the times if he is master of the fleet. Couriers have been sent to him from both parts, and it will soon be seen which has the upper hand.

It cannot be supposed that Lord Henry will separate himself from the interests of his brother, which are his own. The ambassador who is in France will be much surprised at this change, which may oblige him to go to his government at Dunkirk sooner

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than he intended, and the treaty begun will be broken off. Fleetwood is commander-in-chief of the forces, Desborow lieutenant-general, and Lambert major-general. Parliament is to open next Monday, and then the power of the Protector will cease. [1½ *pages, French, draft much corrected, French correspondence.*]

May 7. Order in Parliament, constituting Fleetwood, Sir A. Hesilrigge, Sir Hen. Vane, Lieut.-Gen. Ludlow, Col. Sydenham, Maj. Salway, and Col. Jones, a Committee of Safety, with full powers to take care of the public peace, to exact and receive obedience from all officers, soldiers, and ministers of justice, to sit when and where they think fit, and to continue for 8 days and no longer. [*I.* 91. *p.* 1.]

May $\frac{8}{18}$. Sir Rob. Walsh —— to [Sec. Nicholas.] It is a great misfortune that I can neither have the original nor the copy of the keeper's petition [*see p.* 340 *supra*]. My son says the King ordered the 20 stivers a day when money came in. Pray intercede for me, as it is not a business for Council. Let Fox or Thomson come here and satisfy the King as to the amount. As to what I said to Fox, starving and ill usage privilege a sufferer to speak. I am in perfect charity with any that relate to the King, and pardon such as have wronged me. Those who acted against me have asked my pardon and made me public satisfaction. The little emissaries now in England are not the King's true friends, but seek their own interests.

I beg justice without favour, and hope the King may open his eyes and ears to the truth. Were he re-established, I would demand justice as to my imprisonment before any Parliament or court of justice.

P.S.—I would have got the Pope, Emperor, and King of Spain, to move the King to give me the place in his favour that I have tried for by hazard of life and fortune, but he does not countenance this. I know the Marquis of Ormond will not meddle in my sufferings, yet I am his true servant. A prisoner must be wary in what he says and writes. Endorsed by Nicholas: "Sir Rob. Walsh. Answer, that I cannot find any such petition hath been delivered to the King. That the King thinks not fit to send Mr. Fox or Mr. Thomson to him, he having not deserved any such favour of his Majesty." [3 *pages, Flanders correspondence.*]

May $\frac{8}{18}$. Earl of Inchiquin to the Countess of Dysart. The French ambassador writes that he knows not to whom to address himself in England, so I perceive the Council of State acts no more, all being done, as we hear, by the council of the officers, who join with them whom they think fit. This may be of evil consequence, but I hope the Lord will dispose it otherwise. This news has prevented Lockhart's treating here. The Cavaliers say the Cardinal will now join with Spain to re-establish the Scotch King, "but you know they make stories good cheap, when there is anything to colour them." [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

May $\frac{8}{18}$. Paris. Earl of Inchiquin to Lady Anne Murray. I fear your last has miscarried. It is not likely it should be intercepted, as all other letters

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are come safe. If *the King* knows how to use it, he may now have a favourable opportunity to engage this Court to him, they being persuaded that he may be useful to them. If *Col. Tuke's* business does not require his presence, he should retire to Suffolk [England?]* as he is obnoxious to prejudice. *The Cardinal's* indifference to *the Duke of York* still continues, but is not so melancholy in its effect now as lately, he being hopeful of Mr. Webb's [the King's?] assistance to remove what disquiet it has given him. Use the word respect instead of indifference henceforth. Direct your letters to M. le Fontaine, *chez* M. de Mercés, Palais Royal, Paris. [⅔ *page, copy, French correspondence. Italics cyphers. Partial key in Cypher Collection, Vol. VI., No.* 49.]

May 9. Declaration in Parliament, that all such as are in any place of trust in this Commonwealth are to be persons fearing God, and that have given testimony of their love to all the people of God, and of their faithfulness to the cause of this Commonwealth, according to the declaration of Parliament of 7 May, 1659. [½ *page, printed. Vol. II., No.* 145 *A. Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

May 9. Orders in Parliament.

That Col. Desborow, Col. Bury, and Mr. Scot be added to the Council of State.

That such members of the Council of State as are members of Parliament consider of fit persons to fill civil and military appointments, and report their names to Parliament.

Also that they learn the powers of the late Council of State, and consider and report fit persons to become a Council of State.

That the Committee of Safety have power to direct warrants to any holding State revenue moneys for such payments as they judge needful.

That a bill be brought in for settling the Militia of London, and the Committee of Safety to report names of fit persons. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 1–2.]

May $\frac{9}{19}$. London. ——— to the Earl of Inchiquin, Palais Royal, Paris. I wish I could find my health and *you* in one place. Mrs. Fitton* says that she and *Lady Dysart* think of going to *you* at Michaelmas. I advised this in discourse with *Sir Lionel Tollemache,* though I shall be a loser thereby; but I have great confidence in and affection for you. With variety of company, I am as disordered as the times we live in, but not so uncertain. *The Protector* is quite cast in his suit by *the Independent party,* who have got the goods. *The Presbyterians* would claim them if they could, but nothing can be done in law, unless they petition the Parliament now sitting. Mr. Fitton's service to you. [1 *page, copy, French correspondence. The italics in cypher undecyphered.*]

May $\frac{9}{19}$. Whitehall. John Thurloe to [Amb. Lockhart.] I write to you now as a private person. I have no relation to public affairs, but I shall

* Probably a cypher, but it is not in the key.—ED.

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never forget my obligations to you. I am troubled that the State is so much in your debt. I will solicit the Committee of Safety for your satisfaction. I know not into what order they will put their foreign affairs, but at present you had better write to Lord Fleetwood. He will promote whatever may concern you. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page, copy, French correspondence.*]

May 9. **2.** Geo. Williamson to his brother Joseph. Pardon my past neglect. I find my sister is married, and hope it will be to her comfort. Sir Patricius [Curwen] and my lady send respects. My wife and I hope to see you at Bridekirk this summer. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

May 10. Order in Parliament, that such of the Committee of Safety as are members of Parliament report on Saturday names of persons fit to be Great Seal Commissioners, Judges of the Benches of Westminster Hall, Barons of the Exchequer, Admiralty Judges, and Judges for Probate of Wills. [*I.* 91, *p.* 2.]

May $\frac{10}{20}$. **3.** Petition of Eliz. Grenville to the King. I am constrained by my father's debility to carry on a suit against Wilhan Rutlis, before the Privy Council of his Catholic Majesty here, but Sir Hen. de Vic, your agent, without your knowledge, takes my adversary's part, and thus retards my affairs. I beg you to forbid him to meddle with it, and to recommend it yourself to the Council here. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page, French.*] With note [by Nicholas] of the King's reply, that De Vic has not these many months done or said anything in his master's name, in the business depending between her father and the Earl of Suffolk on this side the sea, and that his Majesty would not interpose concerning the validity of that course, but leaves them to proceed therein according to law; but if both parties could, by consent, remit the determination thereof to him, he would do therein according to justice and equity. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page, shorthand, draft.*]

May 10. Orders in the Committee for Safety.

The Excise Commissioners to bring into the Exchequer to-morrow all the money that was in their hands on 7 May, and pay in the same weekly every Tuesday forenoon.

The Customs' Commissioners to pay in their moneys weekly every Monday forenoon. [*I.* 107, *pp.* 345–346.]

May 11. Orders in Parliament.

The Committee of Safety to raise auxiliary forces sufficient to secure the peace of the nation, and continue them as long as necessary, not exceeding a month, and to issue money to raise and pay them, not exceeding 5,000*l.*

Order—on report from the Committee of Safety of renewed information of attempted disturbances in the nation by disaffected persons—that they be empowered to search for, seize, and secure such persons, with their horses and arms, and report.

The Committee of Safety to consider speedily how to constitute a militia in the several counties, of persons of approved fidelity, and

arm them, and to consider how they may be raised and paid with the least charge to the people. [*I.* 91, *p.* 3.]

[May 11.] **4.** Notes of proceedings in the Committee of Safety.

A Committee of Safety of 11 members named, being voted by Parliament on Saturday [9 May], and Lord Fleetwood voted General, on Monday [11 May] 4 votes passed,—

1. The war with Spain illegal.
2. The peace with Holland unlawful.
3. None that have been for the King to have interest in church or State.
4. The Army officers to bring in an account of all officers that have been faithful till the Long Parliament broke up.

Twelve propositions to Parliament, being mainly abstracts of those presented by the Army officers; [*see No.* 5.] but the Council of State to be chosen for the executive part "in the intervals of Parliament." Also his Highness to have Somerset House to dwell in. Endorsed [by Nicholas] received $\frac{17}{27}$ May 1659. [1 *page.*]

May $\frac{11}{21}$. Paris. [Lord Inchiquin] to *the Duke of York.* I heard nothing from you last week. What Mrs. Norman * writes of my mistakes may be her forgetfulness; she bade me address rather to Mrs. Haynes * than Mrs. Norman. *

My meaning in naming Mr. Wharton's injustice touching Mr. Webb [the King's?] title is that it gives occasion to discourse of the clearness of it to many that knew not whether it were good or not. If this occasion do not invite Mr. Lawrence * [the King?] to dwell in Suffolk [England] he will never come himself, nor permit *you* to come thither at all.

Don John * has neglected nothing by reason of his acquaintance with Mr. Potle, but there is no room for any proposition to the French Court.

Your commands shall be punctually observed in avoiding such discourses. I address this to you, but will direct the next to Mrs. Jones.

I have been several times from *the Queen* with *the Cardinal* to dispose him in *the King's* favour, to which *the Cardinal* seems to listen. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ *pages, copy, French correspondence.*]

May 12. Order in Parliament—on Lieut.-Gen. Ludlow's report from the Committee of Safety concerning the better constituting of the land forces—that it be re-committed and brought in again to-morrow. [*I.* 91, *p.* 3.]

May 12. Order in the Committee of Safety that the Auditor of Exchequer draw orders for payment to John Blackwell and Rich. Deane,

* Cypher, many of the names in this letter are not in the key to Lord Inchiquin's cypher. [Vol. 6, No. 49.]

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Treasurers-at-war, of the moiety of the farm of excise on beer and ale, in part of the 167,734*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* payable yearly to them therefrom. [*I.* 107, *p.* 344.]

May 12. London. **5.** Petition of the Army officers to Parliament. We remember your former declaration inciting us to take up arms, and the signal providences by which God has owned your forces; but public spirit has been discouraged, and there has been a drawing back towards the things contended against. We therefore thought of once more appearing against these backsliding ways, and asserted among ourselves some of the fundamentals of our cause, resolving to hazard our lives for their recovery and security; but Providence opening your way to discharge your trust, on 6 May we desired you to return to its exercise as before 20 April 1653. You on 7 May consented to settle the State without a single person, Kingship, or House of Peers, carry on the work of reformation, and uphold a godly ministry and magistracy. Therefore we present what was in our hearts when we made a way for your return.

1. Inviolable liberty of person and estate.
2. Due regulation of courts of justice and equity.
3. An Act of Oblivion for all who have acted in the changes of government since 19 April 1653.
4. Confirmation of all ordinances, decrees, &c., made since then, until repealed.
5. Payment of public debts contracted since 20 April 1653.
6. Liberty of conscience and equality to all who hold the doctrine of the Trinity and inspiration of the Bible, but not to extend to Popery or Prelacy, nor to licentiousness or profaneness under profession of religion.
7. Encouragement of a gospel-preaching ministry.
8. Countenancing of universities and schools of learning.
9. Removal from all places of trust of those who have adhered to the late King or his son since 20 May 1642, or have acted against Christian liberty, or have scoffed at godliness and its professors, or have been of loose or scandalous conversation.
10. Confinement of authority to those eminent for godliness, faithfulness, and constancy to the good cause.
11. Provision for succession of Parliaments, that their long sitting be not burdensome.
12. Appointment of Lord Chas. Fleetwood as Lieut.-General of the army, and Commander-in-chief of the land forces.
13. The power to be in a house of representatives chosen by the people, and a select senate co-ordinate in power, of persons adhering to the cause who are eminent for godliness.
14. The executive power to be in a Council of State.
15. All debts contracted by the late Protector or his father since 15 Dec. 1653 to be paid; 10,000*l.* a year to be settled on him for life; and 10,000*l.* more, with a convenient house,

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on him and his heirs for ever; and 8,000*l.* a year on his mother for life, as a mark of high esteem of the services of his father.

As divers honest and faithful people, and you yourselves are led towards the same things, we present them to you, and beg God's blessing on the prosecution of a settlement.

Signed Thos. Sandford, secretary. Presented to Parliament by Lord Lambert and 17 other officers named. [13 *pages, printed, 24mo.; also in Parliament History, Vol. XXI. pp.* 400–405.

May $\frac{12}{22}$. London. [M. de Vaux] to Marquis du Chastel. The Parliament, such as it was 5 or 6 years ago, governs all. There is a proclamation that the late Protector shall be called only Lord Richard, son of Oliver Cromwell, late Protector. He is out of everything, and nothing secured to him. It is said that they wished to give him Hampton Court, Somerset House, and 20,000*l.* a year, but he has refused it. They speak of making him pay for the funeral of his father; in that case, he will be ruined without resource. He is preparing to leave Whitehall, and has to give it up to some gentlemen of the Parliament forthwith. All is changed, and other faces are seen. *Thurloe* is not expected to be sent away. *Morland* is nothing. *Fleetwood* is always great. It is said that the Protector had sent "*chanter pouille*" to him, but that he laughs at it. There is no news of what *Richard's* brother is doing in *Ireland.* Some say he holds good; others that he sells himself to *the Army.* The commander in *Scotland* has not quite given satisfaction; thus if *Ireland* and *Scotland* join against *England,* it would be a bad affair.

The Lower House have voted that they will not be governed by a King, nor a House of Lords, nor by a single person—that is to say, the Protector—but by a Parliament; that certainly means that we are to have a republic. If you have anything of consequence to send to *me,* do so, for there are 3 or 4 of the principal persons of the Lower House who are great friends of mine. I am afraid they will bring the *Earl of Arundel* back on the *tapis.* He is now in the country. (Passage in cypher, no key.) [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page, French, copy. French correspondence. The italics in cypher, decyphered.*]

May 13. Order in Parliament to give 50*l.* to Jn. Phelps, for his services as Clerk of Parliament, and the Committee of Safety to order payment accordingly. [*I.* 91, *p.* 3.]

May 15. Tak: [Countess of Dysart] to the Earl of Inchiquin, *alias* Wm. Jones, Palais Royal, Paris. I fear my unimportant letters have been opened, as so many are now, and detained. Take care that my child is well settled with her nurse, and the terms agreed on.

I have little news, for as poor Lord Percy used to say, I have little curiosity. The great change is not unexpected to me. I always thought things would end where they began. The constitution and situation of England best suit a democracy. There are in this assembly divers that I know to be very

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considerable, and some to whom I am obliged, but had the old one lived, there was none that could say so much. I can only say, I did know him, and I hope I shall never know his fellow.

I want to settle in Suffolk [England?] for life, and in retirement from a world where ingratitude and false appearances reign. My work and book delight me. I am going to my sister's for a month, and return here for my delivery. Private affairs. [2 *pages, copy. French correspondence.*]

May 16. Order in Parliament that the members of the Committee of Safety who are members of Parliament consider the condition of the eldest son of the late Lord General Cromwell, learn his estate, his debts, and how they were contracted, how far he acquiesces in the present Government, and offer what on the whole they conceive expedient in his behalf. [*I.* 91, *p.* 4 (2).]

May $\frac{17}{27}$. Paris. [Earl of Inchiquin] to the Countess of Dysart. Our letters from England yesterday dash the hopes of the Cavaliers, seeing now so solid and happy a settlement, to their great astonishment.

Ambassador Lockhart and his lady are in Dunkirk, and show great kindness to your child; she is to be nursed for 340 livres a year; not dear, considering she has to be kept in clothes. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

May 18. Orders in Parliament.

The Committee of Safety to continue till Monday, unless the Council of State sits in the meantime.

Sir Hy. Vane reports from the Committee of Safety that Lord Lockhart intends to defend Dunkirk for England to his uttermost, till further order, and to retain the officers and soldiers there, and the 3 English regiments now in the French service in due obedience, while he remains in command.

Also to deliver up the said place and forts, &c., to such persons as the supreme power shall appoint. He hopes the State will retain Dunkirk, wherein the honour of England is greatly concerned; he will himself be ever ready to repair to its defence, even as a private soldier. He desires that a sufficient supply of ammunition may be sent there for a year, and that some fundamental course may be taken for the subsistence of the soldiers, and some promise of payment of arrears. He will send in the accounts of the garrison, and the state of officers' arrears, with what he has advanced to soldiers for necessary work, and for furnishing coats, hay, and oats to the garrison.

He prays payment of his arrears of 5,000*l.* as Ambassador, as his debts on that account are very great, and his credit almost sunk. To secure Dunkirk from all attempts during the present instability of things, he has prevailed that the 3 regiments at Amiens may be placed in some French quarter near Dunkirk, and they were to march on $\frac{16}{26}$ May.

He will observe till further order the truce of 2 months from May 1st, concluded between France and Spain, in which Dunkirk was included if England pleased.

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Lastly, he prays discharge of the 2 bills of exchange he was forced to draw, to supply the necessities of the garrison.

The Council of State to act concerning the safety and supply of the garrison, and examine and report concerning the other business matters in this report.

The members of Parliament who are of the Council of State to consider and prepare and present an Act concerning settlement of lands in Ireland on adventurers and soldiers.

Also to consider the union of England and Scotland, on the grounds formerly declared by Parliament, and prepare and submit an Act.

Also to prepare a letter of good acceptance and thanks from this house to Gen. Monk and other Army officers in Scotland, to be signed by Mr. Speaker. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 4, 13, 14.]

[May 18.] **6.** Declaration by Geo. Monk, and 25 other officers of the army in Scotland, to the Speaker in Parliament.

This day's experience proves to us that a nation may be born in a day. It is the most wonderful manifestation of God's arm ever seen or heard of, that a cause whose interest was laid low in the dust should be restored to life and lustre in one day, when its asserters had declined it by a defection of many years.

We have so long wanted your presence that, had you stayed but a little longer, it might have been enquired what England was, and what had become of the people that for many years filled the world with admiration and terror. The promises of God are sure and stable, and He comes at His own hour, though some of us, and even some of you, may have provoked him to depart from our Israel.

We beseech Him to heal our backslidings, and congratulate your happy restoration to the government which once made you the praise and wonder of the earth.

As his late Highness has shown such self-denial and love to the country as to prefer its interest to his own, we beg that he and his family, and her Highness Dowager, may have an honourable provision settled on them, and dignities suitable to the former great services of that family.

We also beg you to finish the work of reformation now so long on the wheel, by providing for Christian and civil rights, and attending to religion and liberty.

1. Countenance godliness and its professors, and encourage an able and laborious ministry; have no yoke imposed on the consciences of God's people not agreeable to the Word of God, and be a terror to all impious, profane, and licentious people.
2. Vindicate the rights of these nations by a free government, that none may be oppressed. To prevent ambition, be careful to entrust the armies and navies to godly and conscientious persons, and not to give them more authority than adequate to the nature of a Commonwealth.

While thus you act, we will defend you, and vindicate your authority against all opposition. [6 *pages, printed,* 24*mo. Printed also in Parl. History, Vol. XXI., pp.* 414–417.]

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Act of Parliament for constituting a Council of State.

Be it enacted and ordained by the present Parliament that the following persons, *viz.*:—

Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood.
Sir Hen. Vane.
Lord Comr. Whitelock.
Algernon Sydney.
Herbert Morley.
Robt. Wallop.
Val. Wauton.
Wm. Sydenham.
Thos. Challoner.
Geo. Thompson.
Rob. Reynolds.
Maj.-Gen. Jno. Lambert.
Jas. Berry.
Sir Ant. Ashley Cooper.
Sir Archibald Johnston.
Josiah Barnes.
Sir Art. Hesilrigg.
Lord Chief Justice St. John.
Lieut.-Gen. Ludlow.
Rich. Salway.
Thos. Scot.
Sir Jas. Harrington.
Jno. Jones.
Hen. Nevill.
John Downes.
Jno. Dixwell.
Thomas Lord Fairfax.
Jno. Desborow.
Jno. Bradshaw, Serjt.-at-law.
Sir Horatio Townsend.
Sir Rob. Honeywood.

or any 9 of them, of whom 6 must be members of Parliament, shall be a Council of State from 17 May 1659 till 1 Dec. 1659, unless Parliament shall order otherwise, and that the members shall take the following oath;—I being nominated of the Council of State by this present Parliament, do promise, in the sight of God, that through His grace, I will endeavour to maintain this Commonwealth as it is declared by Parliament, without a single person, kingship, or house of Peers; and that I will be faithful in performance of the trust committed to me, and will pursue all instructions given, and not in any way reveal anything that shall be debated on or resolved in Council, and ordered to be kept secret.

Council is authorized to execute the following instructions:—

1. You are to oppose and suppress any that endeavour to maintain the pretended title of Charles Stuart, or of any of his relatives, or of any single person, to the Crown of England, Scotland, or Ireland, or to any territories thereunto belonging.
2. You are to give orders to all militia forces by land and by sea, in England, Scotland, or Ireland, for preserving the peace of the State, and suppressing all risings or tumults or foreign invasions; on emergency, you are to raise and arm additional forces if necessary, and give their officers commissions under the Seal of Council.
3. You are to see that all military and naval stores are duly furnished and issued out, and to see to the repair of ships and the building of new ones if wanted.
4. You are to try to advance trade in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and promote the good, of our foreign plantations and factories, and watch the State's interests in foreign parts.

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5. You shall direct the renewing or settling of amity with foreign states and kingdoms, preserve our rights, compose differences, and send any agents or messengers you think necessary.
6. You are to consult on matters of public concernment, and report your opinion to Parliament.
7. You are to send for whomever you wish to bear witness or give advice.
8. You may send for any public written documents you wish to consult, on matters in agitation before you.
9. You may on emergency administer an oath for the discovery of the truth.
10. You may imprison, or secure by bond and sureties, any offenders against these or other instructions, and all who disobey your orders.
11. You may charge the public revenue, by warrant under the Seal of Council, with sums necessary to defray the charges of foreign negociations, &c., and for the salaries of your officers and attendants.
12. You are to execute all orders you receive from Parliament.
13. You may appoint Committees, or persons to take examinations, receive informations, or prepare business for your debates or resolutions.
14. You are to meet at Whitehall on 19 May 1659, and afterwards when and where you think fit.
15. You are to order the fall of timber at due seasons, for building and repair of ships, and to sell such timber as you think unfit, and with the money, buy what is more suitable.
16. You are to prevent meetings dangerous to the State.
17. You are to take care of the public library at St. James', and the statues and pictures there, and to dispose of such of them as you think fit, for the service of the State.
18. You are to give warrants for the issue of the residue of moneys arising on the sale of fee-farm rents, and report.
19. You are to prevent free quarter, or other abuses of the people by short marches of soldiers, and take effectual course therein.
20. You are to charge all warrants on the Treasury on the respective Treasurers, according to previous instructions, to enter them in a book, with an abstract of the disbursements made, and deliver it to Parliament, with an abstract of the heads of the disbursements. As for the managing of intelligence, you are to state it in the gross sum to be allowed by yourselves; all warrants to issue money or to imprison are to be signed by 5 or more of you.
21. You are to encourage fishing on the coasts of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and Newfoundland, and promote it by all means you think fit.

[*I.* 91, *pp.* 7–12.]

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Orders in Parliament.

The Council of State to consider how far the Constitution is concerned in peace or war with foreign nations by the transactions which have happened since the interruption of this Parliament, on 20 April, 1653, and to take care that the Commonwealth, in carrying out instructions in reference to foreign States, does not become engaged in war without consent of Parliament.

That members of this House and of Council consider how to settle the administration of justice in Guernsey and Jersey, and report opinion. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 15, 28.]

May 19.
Portsmouth.

7. Capt. Chas. Thorowgood to the Navy Commissioners. Having extraordinary business at London, to clear myself of 14,000*l.* charged on me by the Exchequer, I beg leave to come up next Monday, as all the ships are despatched except the Andrew and Welcome, whose masts will be set to-morrow. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

[May 19.] Index notes of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

The Council meets; the members are sworn in; president appointed, and clerk of the Council; the rest of the members sworn in; debate adjourned. [*Cols.* 1, 11.]

A Committee to confer with the Dutch Ambassador, and with the public minister of Denmark.

Letters from Lord Amb. Lockhart at Dunkirk referred. [*Cols.* 18, 42.]

The petition of the Ely House and Savoy hospitals referred. (4 entries.) [*Col.* 34.]

Also that of the Portugal merchants. [*Col.* 59.]

The petition of Capt. Nich. Foster read. [*Col.* 29.]

That of the prisoners at St. Sebastian's referred. [*Col.* 59.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 1–3.]

[May 20.]
3rd month.
Reading.

8. Thos. Curtis to Gerard Roberts, Fleur de Lis, Thomas the Apostle, London. According to your desire, I sent to Basingstoke a copy of your letter about friends that have estates in the county fit for the office [of justice of peace], but I only know Geo. Lamboll and And. Wright, and neither of them would take an oath. Some may be more moderate than some of the bad ones, but how bad they soon may be I cannot say.

List of 6 moderate men, 2 of whom, including Whichcott, governor of Windsor, are now in commission. Also of 6 "bitter justices so called." [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

[May 21.]
3rd month.

9. Steven Crisp to [Roberts]. We have received thine about the 3 lists, and about the appearance of friends. We enclose a list of 8 persecuting men, 12 moderate men, and 6 friends fit for the office. We do not know all their first names. [1 *page.*]

May 21 ?

10. T. L[amplugh] to Williamson, fellow of Queen's College, Oxford. I am just going to Westminster, where are met an heterogeneous company, and the success dubious. Nothing is yet done, but Commonwealth men talk high and have a great party, both in the House and the City. I have small hopes of my own business.

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"*Me occidisti, amici.*" I had been better without reference, for their declining is worse than disapproving. It would not have troubled me so much had I declined the preferment at first. Mr. Smith is not well pleased with our last election. Take care of my chamber and lodge there. P.S.—It is my turn to answer or oppose on Saturday. Do it for me or see it done. The strophy (?) between Lord Falkland and Sir Francis [Norris?] goes hard, and is to be determined to-day. I fear the issue. Th. Goodwin could not get thanks from the House, though 2 speeches were made by a Roundhead. A fast next Friday; 3 Presbyters for one Independent. [1⅔ *page.*]

May 21. Wadham College. **11.** Dr. John Wilkins to M. Rosine, his Highness's secretary, Whitehall. I want from our Chancellor a dispensation for all B.A.s who are only short of one term to take their M.A. degrees this next Act. It is a thing of course, but our proctors are concerned in it, and therefore I trouble you. In the same letter, interpose a dispensation for Hen. Brunsell, M.A. of 20 years' standing, for a licence to practice medicine. [1 *page.*]

May 23. Orders in Parliament.

The members of Parliament who are of the Committee of Safety to consider and present names of persons to be of the militia of London, Westminster, Southwark, and the Hamlets.

The members who are of the Council of State to consider the reception of an address of the Ambassador from the Netherlands, and how and by whom it shall be brought to the House.

The Council of State to take course for the discovery and apprehension of dangerous persons, and those who conceal them, and if necessary, to prepare and present an Act thereon. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 15, 16.]

May 23. **12.** Order in the Council of State that Lieut.-Col. Thompson, Mr. Willoughby, and Major Bourne, Navy Commissioners, supply with victuals all ships necessary to be continued for guarding the Channel and the coasts. [½ *page.*]

[May 23.] Index notes of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

The papers on foreign affairs to be considered. [*Col.* 29.]

Complaints against Capt. Claessen and Capt. Chris. Errington, and touching the ship Prince of Opmeer and the Rose of London taken. [*Cols.* 11, 26, 59, 63.]

Reference on the taking of the Jacob of Amsterdam. [*Col.* 38.]

The ship Grey Post Horse taken. [*Col.* 32.]

The taking of the Matthew of Graft referred. [*Col.* 48.]

Adam Browne, Mr. Kidwall, Col. Massey, Sir Hen. Moore, Jas. Sharpe, and Capt. Titus to be seized and examined. [*Cols.* 5, 41, 48, 67, 76.]

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Letter touching victualling the Convert referred. [*Col.* 11.]
The Swedish minister's paper referred. [*Col.* 67.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 4–12.]

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Whitehall.

President Jas. Harrington to Capt. Crofts, of the Militia troop in co. Gloucester. Council is informed of a very dangerous design against the public peace, by adherents of Charles Stuart and other ill-affected persons, and of meetings held and arms secretly sent down from London in trunks by carriers, to various parts of the kingdom. They therefore desire your utmost vigilance to prevent such meetings, and preserve the peace, and they empower you to search suspected houses for arms, &c., and seize any you may find, and also any suspected persons whom you find consulting about taking up arms or disturbing the peace.

You are also to speak with Mr. Overbury of Burton, concerning the trunk of arms sent to his house in the country, to take possession of it, learn who sent it, and all particulars, and convey it up to us in safety. [*I.* 98, *p.* 1.]

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Whitehall.

President Harrington to Major Packer. To like effect as the former part of the above. [*I.* 98. *p.* 2.]

May 23.
Whitehall.

President Harrington to Mr. Howe. Council desires to speak with you on important business, and requests you will attend with all speed. With note of like letter to Mr. Sharpe, the Scotch minister. [*I.* 98, *p.* 2.]

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May 23. Whitehall. President Harrington to Capt. Mason, at Carlisle. Your letter of 18 May, to the Committee of Safety, concerning the securing of John Kirkbank, has been read to Council, and they thank you for your care, desiring you to detain Kirkbank safely till further order, and to try to prevent any insurrections or meetings of suspected persons. The part of your letter concerning militia troops and the security of your garrison is under consideration. [*I.* 98, *p.* 3.]

[May 23.] 3rd month. **13.** Wm. Beaton to Gerard Roberts. In answer to a letter from thee and Thos. Moore, of the 17th, I have consulted with the friends and received the enclosed list. The friends advise thee to consult with John Pyne, M.P., who is of our county, and friendly towards us, and knows most, if not all the persons in the list. They also suggest whether there should not be one friend from each county to advise withal, for the more speedy carrying on of things of concern. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

13. I. II. *List of* 13 *friends in Somersetshire* [*fit for the office of J.P.*] *of* 22 *judged moderate persons; of* 18 *now in office, most of whom have been cruel persecutors of friends, and of* 11 *now in commission who are friendly or moderate.* [2 *papers.*]

May 23. / June 2. Thos. Jackson alias Sir Jas. Hamilton to [Sec. Nicholas]. As we have new names for each other, I will write without ceremony. I hear from England that there is a new Council, chosen of 21 members of the House, and 10 that are not of it. Lambert, Bradshaw, and that rogue, my countryman, Sir. Arch. Johnstone, are of them. Of the old Council are 3 that had the chief hand in turning out the last Protector,—Fleetwood, Desborow, and Sydenham. Thurloe is out of favour on all sides. Fleetwood is to command the land forces in England and Scotland, but Ireland is left for consideration; Lambert is the likeliest man. Harrison and the 5th Monarchy men are at a stand. Whitehall, Somerset House, and Hampton Court, are voted to be sold, but St. James's House is in suspense. Rich. Cromwell has left the King's lodgings, and lies at the Cockpit. I am for England to-morrow, by the invitation of people that wish the King well. I have taken order with Mr. Booth to send me your letters, and will send to you the same way. [1 *page, Flanders correspondence.*]

May 24. Orders in Parliament.

The address of the deputies who, in 1652, consented to the union of Scotland and England, read and referred to the Council of State.

The Council of State to hear what the Netherlands Ambassador has to say, and present it to this House; and Sir Oliver Fleming, master of the ceremonies, to acquaint the ambassador with this order.

The letter from Henry Cromwell, dated Dublin, 18 May, 1659, reported by Sir Hen. Vane, read, and referred to the Council of State, to consider and report what should be done as to Ireland.

The House approves the Seal for Council presented by Col. Downes with this inscription—"The Seal of the Council of State," and wishes the Council to use it accordingly. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 16, 17, 21.]

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May 24. **14.** Order in the Council of State that Lieut.-Col. Thomson, Mr. Willoughby, and Major Bourne, attend and inform what ships are preparing to go to sea, expedite their fitting out, and inform when they will be ready; what ships are in the Narrow Seas, and where they ply, and what other ships may soon be got ready. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

[May 24.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

An intelligence committee appointed for discovery of designs, warrants to be issued on presenting names by them, and rewards given. [*Cols.* 18, 38.]

Council to receive proposals from the Dutch Ambassador. [*Col.* 18.]

Vice-Admiral Lawson to attend Council. [*Col.* 42.]

A guard to conduct the Spanish prisoners. [*Col.* 67.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 12–15.]

May 24. Whitehall. President Harrington to Col. Nath. Whetham, governor of Portsmouth. In the present dangerous and unquiet state of affairs, both at home and abroad, the Committee of Safety saw fit to appoint you governor of the important garrison of Portsmouth, and Council, confiding in your vigilance and faithfulness, continues you in that command, and has sent you a commission to continue. They desire you also to take a strict account of all persons resorting to that garrison, and of all officers having or pretending to have employment there, and if you find any employed whom you deem unfit, to suspend them, or if necessary, secure them.

Council has ordered the removal of the Spanish prisoners to Chelsea College, and Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood is to remove them with a troop of horse. The money for the charges of the journey is to be borrowed of the Prize Goods' Commissioners at Portsmouth, who shall be repaid on your giving notice; you are to see to the providing of the troop, and to report to Council any matters worthy of note. [*I.* 98, *p.* 5.]

May 24. **15.** Abstracts of informations laid before the Committee for preservation of the Forests, by Moore Fauntleroy of Headley, co. Hants, gentleman. Edw. Heighes and his agents made spoil of the wood and timber in Aliceholt to the value of 1,500*l.*, in the time of Mr. Territt, the former lieutenant, which was proved in the Exchequer before 1643. Since Col. Norton became lieutenant in 1655, Heighes and Smith, and their agents, have cut down and sold 160 trees, value 300*l.*, and converted the proceeds to their own use and that of Col. Norton, and they or their agents have since last March cut down 10 trees more.

Heighes, Smith, Rich. Knight, and others have cut or barked round at the root 100 trees now or lately standing in the Forest within the last year. Since the interruption of Parliament, Smith, Knight, Jno. Buckell, and Jas. Vicory, with 25 others, assembled mutinously with guns, staves, &c., and threatened the death of any that came to resist the spoil of the wood and timber of the Forest;

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Smith pretended what they did was by order of the Committee of Safety, so called, under colour of which order, Smith and his accomplices have cut and destroyed wood and timber in Aliceholt Forest, since the last interruption of Parliament, to the value of 400*l.*, and 200*l.* worth lately remained in their custody.

Jno. Adams keeps by force the possession of Linchbura Lodge, in Woolmer Forest, making great waste of the deer, and has cut down 40 trees that grew near the lodge and Oak Hills, which were a great shelter to the same. He has been summoned 3 or 4 times to deliver up possession to Sir Hen. Mildmay, who was appointed lieutenant by order of Parliament, but refuses, and says he is advised by his friends, Justice Coale and Mr. Hooke, to keep it, notwithstanding Sir Hen. Mildmay's authority.

Moore Fauntleroy, authorized by Sir Hen. Mildmay to survey what spoils had been made, and to preserve and secure the timber and deer, could not do so by reason of the opposition of the before mentioned riotous persons.

For prevention of like abuses in future, it is desired that Smith, King, Buckell, Vicory, and Jno. Adams, with the other principal actors in this riot, may be brought up by a deputy serjeant-at-arms, to show cause why they detain possession, and by what authority they make those great wastes of the wood and timber of the Commonwealth. With names of the different witnesses to prove the above. [1⅓ *pages.*]

May 25. **16.** Reply of Rich. Cromwell, on an order of Parliament prefixed of 16 May, referring it to such M.P.'s as are members of the Committee of Safety, to consider his condition and debts, and how far he acquiesces in the present Government.

I have caused a true state of my debts to be prepared, showing when and how they were contracted.

My past carriage shows that I acquiesce in God's will, and value the peace of the Commonwealth much above my own concerns, having learned to submit to God's hand, and not be unquiet under it. I could not, on account of my late engagements, be active in making a change, but I freely acquiesce in it, and as I expect protection from the present Government, so shall I demean myself peaceably under it, and so influence all in whom I have any interest. [1⅔ *pages, I.* 91, *pp.* 4–5, *printed in Parl. History, Vol. XXI., pp.* 419, 420; *also in Commons' Journals, Vol. VII., pp.* 655, 684.]

May 25. Order in Parliament thereon, that they put in oblivion all the past in reference to Rich. Cromwell, and undertake his debts, not exceeding the sum contained in the schedule this day presented to Parliament. They think fit that he should retire from Whitehall, and dispose of himself as his private occasions require, demeaning himself peaceably under the protection of Parliament. Also that 2,000*l.* be advanced him for his removal, and that the Council of State see it paid. [1 *page. Printed in Commons' Journals, Vol. VII., p.* 665.]

May 25. **17.** Order in the Council of State that the Navy Commissioners set out to sea the James and 5 other ships, and take care that they be forthwith victualled and manned. [½ *page.*]

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[May 25.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Council to give audience to the Dutch Ambassador. [*Col.* 18.]

The petition of Sir Thos. Armstrong and John Weston referred (and reported). [*Col.* 1.]

Allowances to Horatio Boniface and Victorio Papachine. [*Cols.* 5, 59.]

References to Cols. Clerk, Kelsey, and Salmon to be dispatched by any two of them. [*Col.* 11.]

A report how revenue is to be issued. [*Col.* 63.]

A Committee [appointed] for Dunkirk. [*Col.* 18.]

Report for Vice-Adm. Lawson to command in chief ships in the Narrow Seas. [*Col.* 42.]

The necessity of moneys to be reported. [*Col.* 48.]

Report about Harman Barnes. [*Col.* 5.]

The Ordnance officers to take account of arms, and to dispose of those belonging to Barnes. [*Col.* 57.]

Mr. Scobell and Jessop to deliver the papers in their custody. [*Col.* 67.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 16–20.]

May 25.
June 5.
London.
[M. de Vaux] to the Marquis du Chastel, Paris. The news here is that the Protector is defunct, that he is no longer such. Nothing is said to *the Earl of Arundel*, and he remains in the country, and is the Virgin Mary's soldier. *I* am well, and have many good friends in this present Government, and do not meddle with politics. It goes ill with *Morland and his wife. Pickering, the Comptroller, Jones, and Lisle* are out of place; *Fiennes and Whitelock* to be discharged at pleasure. *Thurloe* has discovered the pot of roses, and saved himself, but he is nothing in this Government. [1 *page, French, copy. French correspondence. Italic cyphers, partially decyphered.*]

Orders in Parliament.

May 26.
That the Council of State take care that a further addition of ships be fitted out to sea.

That Capt. John Lawson be commander-in-chief as Vice-admiral of the ships in the Narrow Seas for the summer expedition.

The names of suitable ships and captains for this service to be reported to this House for their approval.

The Council of State to have power to charge any public revenue with such moneys as they think necessary for State affairs, by land and sea, for one month.

Also with 3,000*l.* for present relief of sick and wounded soldiers, and widows and orphans belonging to Ely House and Savoy Hospital, to be paid to the Navy Treasurer for the persons entrusted with payment of such pensions.

The petition of the merchants trading to the dominions of the King of Spain referred to the Council of State. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 19, 20.]

[May 26.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Order to Cornet Egerton. [*Col.* 26.]

Three [members to be a] committee for the Lubec public minister. [*Col.* 42.]

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[May 26.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State (*cont.*)

Mr. Scutt to deliver the utensils, &c. [of Council] to Mr. Symball. [*Col.* 67.]

Report on ammunition for Dunkirk; 3,000*l.* to be sent there, and 400*l.* weekly for 4 weeks. [*Col.* 18.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 21–23.]

May 26. Whitehall. President Harrington to Gen. Geo. Monk, commander-in-chief of the forces in Scotland.

Council having heard of various designs by the members of Charles Stuart's party to raise new war against the State, and that arms are distributed in various parts of the kingdom to that end, desire to put the State's forces in a fit posture for defence, and have appointed Lord Fleetwood to order a regiment of foot to march into the north of England at once. They therefore inform you hereof, and desire you to watch the malignants in Scotland, concluding that there is a correspondence with those in England.

They hear from Lord Fleetwood of the good posture of the forces in Scotland, and their satisfaction concerning Parliament's return to the discharge of their trust, and they will do their best for supply of your necessities. [*I.* 98, *page* 3.]

[May] 26. 3 month. Sutton. **18.** Report by Hen. Foster of Sutton and 3 other Quakers, of justices in the Isle of Ely. There are 8 justices' names given in the island, but they are too few. There should be one about Littleport and one at Chatteris. Some of these have been persecutors.

Notes relative to 5 who are considered moderate; instances of persecution, by Tristram Dinant, of friends, one of whom, Hen. Clifton, died of ill usage in Wisbeach gaol. Also by Hen. Farow of Wisbeach, and Rich. Staynes of Ely.

There are few friends who have any visible estate, but Hen. Foster of Sutton is fit for a justice. Names of 4 other moderate men. [2⅔ *pages.*]

May 27. **19.** Order in the Council of State, that the Navy Commissioners order a 5th rate frigate to be ready at Harwich, to go with expresses from Council to Gen. Montague in the Sound. [½ *page.*]

20. Like order to the Navy Commissioners, to deliver to the Ordnance officers, out of the Navy yards, 2,000 planks for platforms, and 100 oaken joyce, 15 feet long, to be sent with the other materials to Dunkirk and Mardike. [⅔ *page.*]

[May 27.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Reference on uproars at Brentford. [*Col.* 5.]

Mr. Dugard's petition read. [*Col.* 18.]

Reference on the exchange of Mr. Kidwall. [*Col.* 41.]

Warrant for 20,000*l.* to the Navy Treasurer. [*Col.* 54.]

Mr. Sherwin to send a weekly account of the receipts in the Exchequer. [*Col.* 67.]

The Dutch Ambassador's papers touching ships taken by Cor. Petersen Swart.

Report of the Dunkirk Committee of provisions for biscuit and cheese. [*Col.* 18.]

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The Navy Treasurer to pay for provisions for Dunkirk. [*Col.* 51.]

Warrant to transport biscuit and cheese there, custom free. [*Col.* 18.]

The oath of the Clerks of the Council looked out. [*Col.* 54.]

A committee to confer with the public minister of Sweden and the French Ambassador. [*Col.* 67.]

Report for prohibiting horse-races. [*Col.* 34.]

Letter to the mayor of Portsmouth; bills drawn by him to be paid. [*Col.* 59.]

Also 20 bills drawn by Col. Whetham. [*Col.* 80.]

The Admiralty Commissioners to propound names for captains of ships for the summer expedition. [*Col.* 1.]

Petition of prisoners for exchange referred. [*Col.* 59.]

Guernsey and Jersey business reported, and relief for them referred. [4 entries.] [*Cols.* 32, 38]

The condition of Nevis referred. [*Col.* 48.]

Matters touching the English plantations referred, and a letter to be prepared, to be sent to them. [*Col.* 59.]

Resolutions about the Sound. [*Col.* 67.]

Petition touching Quakers at Brentford, and order. [*Col.* 3.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 24–31.]

May 27.
Whitehall.

Pres. Harrington to the Hon. Col. Wm. Lockhart, commander-in-chief of English forces in Flanders, and governor of Dunkirk.

We have received your letters of 20th and 24th May, and are sensible of the wants of your garrison, and your charge for their supply. We have ordered some proportion of all the things wanted to be sent you at once, as you will see by the enclosed order, and shall send further help in a few days. We allow your desire to return to inform us of affairs, but you must speed back immediately. We desire information concerning the 3 English regiments being recalled to Calais. Leave your garrison in the best security you can. [*I.* 98, *p.* 4.]

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3 month.
Chester.

21. A. Hutchins to his friends. I have sent, as you requested, 3 lists of justices—1st, five who have such estates that they are fit for the employment, and are gifted in it; 2nd, seven moderate men, free from a persecuting spirit, but not in commission; 3rd, four in commission who have not persecuting spirits. "Six who are as cursed persecutors as are in the nation, and are in commission. I know worse there cannot be." 4th, four who are in commission, and have persecuted friends, but not so bad as the former, and in Chester city, not one, but all are of "Cain's bloody brood." [½ *page.*]

[May] 27.
3 month.
Worcester.

22. E. B. to Gerard Roberts, Fleur de Lis, Thomas Apostle's, London. The friends have met about returning lists of justices who were friends and moderate men. List of 7 friends; also of 9 moderate men, and 10 persecutors, now in commission.

Priest Barret struck John Ames of Bengworth; Priest Beeston of Breedon struck Thos. Goodaire in Worcester. Hen. Bromley,

now in commission, is judged as fit to be continued as any man in the county. [2½ *pages.*]

[May] 28. 3rd month. Kendal. **23.** Geo. Taylor to Gerard Roberts. The friends of Cumberland and Westmoreland and north of Lancashire desire me, in answer to yours, to return you the following names—

In Westmoreland, 6 suitable to be in commission, 2 of whom, Gervase Benson and Ant. Pearson, were put out for conscience' sake; 4 moderate men now in commission, including Geo. Archer, mayor of Kendal; 4 persecutors now in commission.

Lancashire North—4 moderate men, 3 persecutors.

Cumberland—5 friends, 6 moderate men, 8 persecutors. [1 *sheet.*]

[May 28.] **24.** Lists by Geo. Korcerum (?), Thos. Richardson, and Thos. Highfield, of 9 justices for Nottinghamshire and 7 for Nottingham, including Wm. Fillingham, mayor, amongst whom 2 of the former and 4 of the latter are judged faithful and fit to stand.

Of the former 7, and of the latter 3 are persecutors and unfaithful. With list of 7 fresh names in the county and 3 in the town, judged moderate and fit to be appointed. [1 *page.*]

[May 28.] **25.** List of 5 justices in Lancashire who have been persecutors of the truth; of 5 moderate men, and of 3 friends in Derby, co. Lancaster. [1 *page.*]

[May 28.] **26.** List of 9 moderate men in Derbyshire, fit to be justices; and of 5 justices who are persecutors; John Lingard, a friend, is fit for the place. [1 *page.*]

[May 28.] **27.** List of 6 moderate men in Hampshire, not in commission, and of 8 who are in commission and are persecutors. There are no friends of ability in the county. [⅔ *page.*]

[May 28.] **28.** List of 4 friends fit for the office in Radnorshire, of 7 moderate men, 2 of whom are already in commission, and of 5 in commission who are actors against friends. [1 *page.*]

May 28. Whitehall. President Harrington to Maj. Ludlow, captain of the militia troop in co. Wilts; Capts. Crofts and Wade, captains in co. Gloucester; Capt. Jno. Gorges, in co. Somerset; Capt. Peter Ceeley, or to the chief officer of the militia troop in co. Cornwall; Maj. Waring, captain in co. Salop.

Having heard of the enemy's preparations to disturb the public peace, and principally in the Western counties, we desire you to continue your troops some time longer, and for supply, to charge 200*l.* on account on Blackwell and Deane, War Treasurers, at 10 days' sight, and to send up a muster roll of your troops, attested by the commission officers, as to their numbers of men and horses, and time of continuance, and you are to watch the enemy's movements most carefully. [*I.* 98, *p.* 7.]

May 30. Order in Parliament that Council take care of the preservation of deer belonging to the State. [*I.* 91, *p.* 19.]

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May 30. Whitehall. Pres. Harrington to the Chief Ranger or other officer of Hampton Court parks. Parliament having referred it to Council to see to the preservation of deer belonging to the State, and they hearing that several deer have since May 7 been killed and removed, and the meadows and grass for their winter provision much despoiled, order you to send up an account how many deer have been killed or sent away, and by whose warrant. You are to do your utmost strictly to preserve the deer, and allow no warrants to kill or deliver save from Parliament or Council, and to look well after the grass and meadow lands, that there may be winter provision for them within the grounds under your custody. With notes of like letters to the Chief Ranger of Whichwood Forest; the Chief Ranger of Corberry Park, 30 May; to Col. Rich. Norton, chief officer of Holt and Woolmer Forest, 6 June; to the Steward and Chief Ranger of New Forest, with a clause for the preservation of wood, underwood, and timber; and to Col. Thos. Waite, of Saulcey Forest, co. Northampton, 10 June; and to the Warden of the East part of Rockingham, and Keeper of Benefitt, London, 17 June, 1659.

May 30. Lidney. **29.** Daniel Furzer to the Navy Commissioners. Since my last, I have been using my utmost diligence in carrying on the business, but by reason of the variableness in the workmen and carriers, and their not standing to their work, it has been much hindered. The surveyors who should have cut the plank have left the service these 3 weeks, and if no persuasion will induce them, I can go no further, not having any power to compel them. I have complained to Major Wade, who will do what he can, but his hands and heart are full enough, with the continual and frequent riots and insolencies of an unruly generation of men, some of whom have, openly and in my hearing, vented forth unsufferable and disdainful language, and in action have not spared the Nursery of the Forest, the Lea baly, but broken down the gates and turned in their cattle. It is hoped that some redress will be had, and no doubt but you will be instrumental therein, as knowing of what great concern the preservation of timber will be.

Details of the frigate building. If you think fit to send down a carver, he should be dispatched; the carver that cut the work for the Grantham and Forester proffered to do it complete for 45*l.*; also consider how the masts shall be provided for her, and where. [1 *page.*]

May 31. Order in Parliament that the Council of State prepare and bring in to the House to-morrow commissions for constituting Chas. Fleetwood Lieut.-General and Commander-in-chief of the land forces in England and Scotland; also 6 other commissions for John Lambert, Sir Ar. Heselrigge, Jno. Desborow, Jas. Bury, Sir Hen. Vane, and Edm. Ludlow, with blanks for the time of continuance. [*I.* 91, *p.* 20.]

May 31. Order in the Council of State that the Treasurers-at-war issue the 10,000*l.* ordered them by the Committee of Safety 18 May, for payment of warrants charged on them before 7 May by John

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Clerke, Jervas Bennett, John Hildesley, Rich. Long, Edw. Horseman, and Jas. Phillips, for pay of the forces and garrisons in England and Wales, there not being money to satisfy them from half the excise appointed for the Army. [*I.* 107, *p.* 4.]

[May 31.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Committee to confer with the Dutch ambassador and the Swedish minister, touching ships taken, and to send for Dr. Walker. [*Col.* 18.]

The Admiralty Commissioners to give order for frigates to lie before Ostend and Nieuport. [*Col.* 1.]

A committee to speak with the extraordinary envoy from Poland. [*Col.* 59.]

Petition of the military company, and order. [*Col.* 48.]

Paper touching ammunition for Southwold and Dunwich referred. [*Col.* 67.]

Report for the affairs of Ireland to be carried on by Commissioners; the Commissioners named.

The Treasurers-at-war to issue moneys as formerly for Ireland. [*Col.* 38.]

Rules for Council's proceedings. [*Col.* 63.]

Papers about Scotland referred. [*Col.* 67.]

[Edw.] Backwell to send 3,000*l.* to Dunkirk in foreign specie. [*Col.* 5.]

Mr. Cook, secretary to the Governor of Dunkirk, to attend the committee. [*Col.* 11.]

Commissions for Lieut.-Col. Fleetwood and for the Commissioners [plenipotentiary for the Sound ?] referred. [*Col.* 11.]

Instructions for the said commissions to be prepared. [*Col.* 67.]

Capt. Crofts' letter referred, and a letter to him ordered. [*Col.* 11.]

A fowling piece to Maj.-Gen. Lambert, and a case of pistols and pistol lock to Col. Sidney, out of Harman Barnes' arms. [*Cols.* 42, 67.]

Letter about a riot in Enfield Chase, and order thereupon. [*Col.* 26.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 31–37.]

May 31. Whitehall. Pres. Harrington to Capt. Crofts, of the militia troop in co. Gloucester. Your letter of 28th inst. was read to-day in Council, and they return you thanks for your services, and desire your continued vigilance over suspected persons and meetings, and if you think fit, you are to join another justice of the peace with you in taking up and certifying the examinations.

You are to take examinations on the particulars you name about Capt. Walter Jones, and any other such dangerous meetings, designs, or discourses, and to apprehend Jones, and send him up to Council. [*I.* 98, *p.* 7.]

May 31. Whitehall. Pres. Harrington to Gen. Geo. Monk, Commander-in-chief of the forces in Scotland. Parliament has referred it to Council to settle the administration of justice, Act of Union, and other Scotch affairs, which they have to-day debated, in order to a report to Parliament and a speedy settlement. They have also considered your letter to Mr. Scott, M.P., and empower you to seize any adherents of

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Charles Stuart's party endeavouring to disturb the peace, and secure them till the pleasure of Parliament and Council be known. [*I.* 98, *p.* 8.]

May 31. Whitehall. Pres. Harrington to the high sheriff and justices of peace of co. Northumberland. Council hears from Sir Chas. Howard that, taking advantage of the unsettled state of Government, 100 ill affected persons, on May 2 or 3, met on his lands in Riddesdale Manor, Ellesdon parish, possession whereof he had obtained after various trials at law; that they expelled his tenants, and retain forcible possession, threatening to kill all who oppose them. You are to examine the matter, and proceed according to law, and if resistance is offered, to use the law's remedy. If you fail to quell the disturbance thus, further means shall be provided for you. [*I.* 98, *p.* 8.]

May ? **30.** Petition of Thos. Blagdon to the Council of State, for the messenger's place, vacant by death of John Hunter. Was several years messenger of the Admiralty Commissioners, and of the late Council of State; has been diligent, and is poor, with many children. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

30. I. *Certificate by W. Jessop in his favour, he having acted as Hunter's deputy.* 23 *May* 1659. [1 *page.*]

[June 1.] Index entries of Proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Hen. Wansey to have back a parchment roll. [*Col.* 80.]

The Admiralty Commissioners to provide a ship to carry the messenger to the Sound; also 2 ships for the Commissioners plenipotentiary. [*Col.* 1.]

Letter to Gen. Montague; a vessel to be prepared to carry the messenger, who is to stay there. [*Col.* 48.]

A proclamation to be prepared, inhibiting taking commissions under foreign princes and states. [*Col.* 59.]

Letter from Canterbury touching disturbance by Quakers.

[Sir] Thos. Armstrong, Chas. Gerard, and Thos. Porter to put in security. [*Col.* 1, 32, 59.]

— Gattam to be sent for. [*Col.* 32.]

A commission to be prepared for Vice-Admiral Lawson and 5 captains. [*Col.* 40.]

Letter of the lieutenant of the Tower. [*Col.* 76.]

Letters to Sir Phil. Meadows. [*Col.* 48.]

Wm. Wivell to put in security. [*Col.* 80.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 38–41.]

June 1. Whitehall. President Harrington to Justinian Paget, Jno. Huxley, and Edwin Rich, 3 justices of peace for Middlesex. Council hearing that a rude multitude from Enfield Town have broken down the hedges and ditches of the enclosure, and threaten to cut down houses and throw down all the inclosures there, desire you to examine the business, and proceed according to law, to suppress tumult and protect proprietors from violence; and in case you require further

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help, they have ordered 2 troops of horse to be in the neighbourhood, and obey any orders you may give for preservation of peace. [*I.* 98, *p.* 10.]

June 1. Whitehall. President Harrington to Thos. Ockman, mayor of Canterbury; Thos. Scott, Thos. Broadnax, Thos. Monins, Vincent Denn, and Ro. Maskall. Council hearing that last Sunday several, under the name of Quakers entered the cathedral during service, and interrupted it by disturbing the minister in his preaching, and caused a tumult afterwards, desire you to examine into the matter, and report who were the promoters of the disturbance; to proceed against them according to law, and guard against any future disturbance, as well within the city as within the liberties of the cathedral and the county. [*I.* 98, *p.* 10.]

June 1. **31.** Order in the Admiralty Committee, on consideration of the officers to be attendant upon them, that Robt. Blackborne be appointed secretary, with 300*l.* a year for himself and one clerk. That Jas. Sotherne be his clerk at 70*l.* a year. That Jno. Powell and Thos. Davis be messengers, at 60*l.* a year each; and Chas. Stanian usher at 50*l.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 1. **32.** Proceedings at a Council of War, before the Lord-General and 9 others, on the petition of Captain Cornelius Buroughs, Steward-General. The court ordered Capt. Christ. Myngs to be sent for, and being asked whether he owned the petition, he denied that he spoke any such words; what he said was in passion, and related to private differences between them; he also denied the substance of the petition, as to his being unfaithful to the State. Being required to put in a charge against Capt. Buroughs, he said he had none. Upon this, and the knowledge the Court had of Capt. Buroughs's carriage, whom they consider to be faithful in his employment, they dismissed the petition, and this they conceive to be sufficient satisfaction for Capt. Burroughs in the business. Signed by Art. Town, Secretary to the Council. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June $\frac{1}{11}$. Paris. Earl of Inchiquin to Lord Bruce, at Lord Elgin's house, London. Though we hear of the happy concurrence of Lord Harry and Gen. Monk with our heroes in England, yet the Cavaliers will needs still fancy or hope that they intend it not. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

[June 2.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 84.]

Message of the secretary of the French Ambassador. [*Col.* 29.]

Examinations to be taken about Victorio Papachine and Vorwright [Horatio?] Boniface. [*Col.* 59.]

Report touching Dr. Wren. [*Col.* 80.]

Col. Whetham's letter referred. [*Col.* 80.]

Capt. Compton to go to the Sound. [*Col.* 11.]

Col. Lockhart's letter read. [*Col.* 42.]

A paper of the Swedish public minister read. [*Col.* 67.]

Articles of war to be perused. [*Col.* 80.]

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[June 2.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State (*cont.*)

A Commissioner to speak with the Dutch Ambassador. [*Col.* 18.]

Mr. Gauden to send the biscuit and cheese to the Commissioners at Dunkirk, and to have a convoy for it. [*Col.* 32.]

Sir Oliver Fleming to acquaint the Danish minister with the case of the merchants of York and recommend it. Their letter to Sir Phil. Meadows. [*Cols.* 29, 85.]

Letter about Dean Forest to be reported to Parliament. [*Col.* 18.]

Stage (for the posts?) removed from Monmouth to Chepstow. [*Col.* 67.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 41–45.]

June 3. **33.** Letter of Privy Seal, subscribed and signed by Charles II., for a loan of 500*l.* Receipted by Hum. Paynter for the same, from Rich. Stydolfe, of Norbury, Surrey. [1 *page.*]

[June 6.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

The exchange of Capt. Mich. Carew countermanded. [*Col.* 11.]

Major Ceely's letter referred. [*Col.* 11.]

Col. Lockhart's relation read. [*Col.* 42.]

Disposal and exchange of prisoners. [*Col.* 59.]

200*l.* imprested to Vice-Admiral Lawson. [*Col.* 41.]

The instructions for the Sound Commissioners read and debated (bis.) [*Col.* 67.]

Lord Whitelock excused from going to the Sound. [*Col.* 30.]

The under clerks of Council and their salaries appointed. [*Col.* 11.]

An increase of provisions to be sent to Dunkirk; the officers of the garrison to return. [*Col.* 18.]

The appointment of a doorkeeper to Council referred. [*Col.* 11.]

Letters to the governor of Barbadoes and to foreign plantations. [*Cols.* 5, 59.]

Reference as to the 3 regiments in Flanders. [*Col.* 29.]

Audience given to the Dutch Ambassador. [*Col.* 19.]

An envoy to be sent to the French King. [*Col.* 29.]

The Jamaica business referred. [*Col.* 38.]

The petition of Johannes Libertus Kiffler referred. [*Col.* 41.]

Letters from Capt. Stoakes to be considered. [*Col.* 67.]

Col. Lockhart's petition referred. [*Col.* 42.]

Col. Lockhart's commission referred to the Dunkirk Committee. [*Col.* 19.]

The men-of-war and captains of Dutch ships taken by the Swede to be brought up.

A Committee to consider of Commissioners for Ireland. [*Col.* 38.]

The slighting or continuing of Mardike referred. [*Col.* 48.]

Harman Barnes' daybook re-delivered. [*Col.* 5.]

A proclamation to be prepared against commissions from foreign princes. [*Col.* 59.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 46–52.]

June 6. Whitehall. President Johnston to Capt. Crofts and Maj. Wade, militia captains in co. Gloucester; Maj. Ludlow, Wilts; Capt. Jno. Gorges,

co. Somerset; Capt. Pet. Ceely or the chief militia officer in co. Cornwall; and Maj. Waring, Shropshire. Council think fit to discharge your troop from service for the present, and remand the men to their homes, which you are to order; also to return a list of the men, with how many days they have served, that Council may know what is due beside the 200*l.* already ordered.

With note of like letters to Capt. Roger Sontly and Capt. Price, officers of militia troops in North Wales, at Wrexham, omitting the last clause. [*I.* 98, *p.* 15.]

June 6. **34.** Petition of seamen, orphans, widows, &c., of Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham, to Parliament. Being tenants to hospital lands, renewable by fine for ages past, we purchased our leases at as great value as if they were lands in fee-simple, because—

(1.) On the dissolution of monasteries, the hospital, then valued at 2*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*, was annexed to the deanery of Rochester.

(2.) The dean nominated 2 hospital brethren to confirm leases at the usual rates.

(3.) In 17 James, Court parasites obtained a patent of it, and enforced tenants to purchase their estates, but it was voided.

(4.) By the Act of 20 April 1649, abolishing deans and chapters, we supposed the lands saleable, but the surveyor said they were not included.

On 30 June 1656, the late Protector, Oliver, by suggestion of his Court parasites that all rights of patronage, &c., devolved upon him, on his interruption of this honourable House (now by Divine providence restored), granted a patent to Matthias Lea and Edw. Hayward, to be brethren and receive all profits, and to Wm. Jessop to be warden and supervisor.

These patentees will not renew our leases but on great fines, nor give us security for their quiet enjoyment, and make many exactions. As we conceive the right of nominating the brethren to be lodged in the present Parliament, we beg consideration, because—

(1.) We have already purchased the lands, and spent much money in building.

(2.) We have been forward in the service, and especially in the Dutch war.

(3.) The lands and tenements are become valuable only through our improvements.

(4.) We have to maintain at general charge a bank and wharf to keep out the sea.

(5.) As we have often been a prey to courtiers, we beg safety from arbitrary power and avarice. Also your declaration as to who have the right of nominating the brethren, that we may apply to them to continue us in our leases, or to allow us to purchase at reasonable rates. Signed by John Waterman and John Tyhurst. [1 *sheet, printed.*]

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June $\frac{6}{16}$. London.

[M. de Vaux] to the Marquis du Chastel. You have missed 2 of my letters. We think that we shall have a well-ordered republic, and that Parliament will do wonders. Others say that *the army* will not long agree with *the Lower House*, and that there will be other changes. *The Protector* is quite down. I have seen *Rosin* to-day; he is quite melancholy, being nothing now. I hear from him that *Richard* complains of *Thurloe*, and says it is he who made him break with *the Lower House;* but this is done, and there is no hope of remounting the beast. *Lord Henry* holds good in *Ireland*, and has sent Commissioners to treat with *the Army* and not with *the Lower House;* it is not known what will become of him. *Lord and Lady Falconbridge* are in the country, and live there without making a noise. *The Earl of Arundel* was in town 2 days since, and speaks of a journey to Holland. Not a word was said to him. *England* much fears that they will break with *France*, and that *France* will take *Dunkirk*. *Lockhart* is here, but it is not thought that he will be continued in his charge.

There are 3 keepers of the seals, Col. Tyrrel, Serjeant Fontaine, and Bradshaw, the judge of the late King; all the others dismissed, and all those of the Court in disorder. *Lord Richard* was at *Hampton Court* 2 days ago, to shoot deer, but Parliament sent word that none were to be killed. He had already shot one, but he shot no more. The Jews offer to buy the beautiful room in Whitehall for their synagogue, and promise not to demolish it. *The Protector* is still at *Whitehall* but must leave soon. *The Earl of Warwick* is dead. [$1\frac{1}{3}$ *pages, French, copy. French correspondence. Italics cyphers, decyphered.*]

June 7.

Orders in Parliament.

The Council of State to consider how to proceed with the circuits, that they be not hindered this summer.

Col. Hen. Cromwell to be acquainted with the resolutions of this House concerning the government of Ireland, and ordered to repair to Parliament, to acquaint them with the state of affairs.

Col. Jones, Wm. Steele, and Robt. Goodwyn to be Commissioners to administer the government in Ireland.

Council to report to this House the names of two other Commissioners for Ireland who are upon the spot. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 20, 21.]

[June 7.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

The establishment at Dunkirk, and money disbursed for it referred. [*Col.* 19.]

A Committee to prepare instructions for the Commissioners for Ireland. [*Col.* 38.]

A treasurer for contingencies, Gualter Frost, and his salary appointed; 200*l.* to be paid him.

The petition of Rich. Bradshaw, Esq., read. [*Col.* 5.]

General Montague's letters read, and referred to the Admiralty Commissioners; credit to him for 2,000*l.* [*Col.* 48.]

Spanish prisoners delivered to the marshal-general. [*Col.* 59.]

[The instructions for the] Sound Commissioners to be reported, and letters thence considered. [*Col.* 67.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 53–6.]

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June 7. Whitehall. Pres. Johnston to Josiah Child, Mayor of Portsmouth. Council have given orders to Col. Whetham, Governor of Portsmouth, to remove the Spanish prisoners to Chelsea College, and have ordered an allowance of 6*d.* a day to each prisoner during removal; and they desire you to advance this money. For your reimbursement of what you pay for their relief till the removal, they have ordered you at the rate of 2*d.* a day for ordinary men, and 4*d.* for officers, and the Navy Treasurer will allow your bills. [*I.* 98, *p.* 12.]

June 7. Whitehall. Pres. Johnston to the Justices of Peace for co. Middlesex. Notwithstanding Council's letter of the 1st instant to some of you, they have received fresh complaints of outrages by inhabitants of Enfield Town and Chace, and that the slow proceedings against the first offenders have encouraged others to emulate their misdeeds; they therefore desire your speedy proceedings against all unlawful violence, the suppression of all tumults, and the punishment of all offenders according to law. [*I.* 98, *p.* 13.]

June 8. Gray's Inn. **35.** Thos. Lamplugh to Williamson. Apologies for neglect of writing. Your good account of my nephew breeds great joy in his relations here, and we are glad he has so careful a guardian. T. Denton desires remembrance. Private affairs. I am going home, and shall hardly be in London again this term. [1½ *pages.*]

June 9. Cockermouth. **36.** Thos. Smith to Williamson. Thanks for your and Lamplugh's good offices. My kinsman may want to see me, and then I can look after my own business; I will not fail to attend him, except at St. Thomas' Day and Christmas. Lamplugh persuades me to come up, and you seem to expect it, but in such broken times, I shall not undertake such a journey without necessity. [1 *page.*]

June 9. Orders in Parliament.

This House agrees with the Council of State that Col. Algernon Sydney, Col. Edw. Montague, Sir Robt. Honeywood, and Thos. Boone be the commissioners and plenipotentiaries to the King of Sweden and Denmark.

A separate commission to be sent to Sir Phil. Meadows to be Resident there. [*I.* 91, *p.* 22.]

[June 9.] Index entries to proceedings in the Council of State [*I.* 85.]

Answer to the Dutch Ambassador. [*Col.* 19.]

The state of the garrison and forces at Dunkirk referred. [*Col.* 19.]

Countess of Kildare's passage in a ship. [*Col.* 41.]

Col. Tomlinson named a commissioner for Ireland. [*Col.* 38.]

Act and instructions for the Commissioners. [*Col.* 38.]

Irish officers referred. [*Col.* 38.]

Capt. Aldney's company in Stafford to have their arms ready. [*Col.* 1.]

Lord Russell's passage in a ship. [*Col.* 63.]

Capt. Saunders' petition referred. [*Col.* 67.]

Letter to Capt. Wright. [*Col.* 80.]

Sir Phil. Meadows' bill of exchange to be paid. [*Col.* 48.]

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250*l.* to Martin Noel, on Sir P. Meadows' bill of exchange. [*Col.* 54.]

Letters from and to Gen. Monk. [*Col.* 48.]

Removal of the Berkshire House regiment. [*Col.* 5.]

The petition of the officers and servants of Council referred.

Also that of the merchants, &c., of Christopher's. [*Col.* 11.]

Judges to ride the circuit. [*Col.* 38.]

Reference as to Liverpool Castle (4 times). [*Col.* 42.]

Committee for Scotland to meet. [*Col.* 67.].

The Admiralty Commissioners to provide 4 nimble vessels for the Sound. [*Col.* 1.]

The preparation for the Sound Commissioners referred. [*Col.* 67.]

The business of Saulcy Forest referred.

Capt. Lloyd to take care of Whittlewood Forest. [*Col.* 80.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 56–60.]

June 9.
Whitehall.

President Johnston to Gen. Geo. Monk. Council have received yours of 31 May, and referred your desire concerning forces in the north of England, and the 4 companies at Hull, to the Army officers who are members of Council. Concerning the repairs of Holyrood House, and the cost of completing them, they desire an exact estimate, as also a report of the present state of the house, and of its usefulness to the State, that they may represent it to Parliament for directions. [*I.* 98, *p.* 16.]

June 9.
Chatham.

37. Phineas Pett to the Admiralty Commissioners. Understanding that Is. Newton, a ship master, has applied to you for the wages of Zach. Wilton, for his service in the Oxford, whose ticket I have, I thought it my duty to acquaint you therewith, and how I came by it, and shall then bow to your determination, being rather desirous to suffer myself than to possess an interest in wrong, public or private.

Zachery Wilton being a seaman turned over from the Oxford into the Naseby, at her going from Chatham in March last, the ticket, amongst others, was delivered to Capt. Cuttance for the security of the man on board; but the captain seeing him in great necessity, delivered it to a woman at Rochester, whom he entrusted for his supply, with a kind of certificate on the back of it. Upon the importunity of the woman, I disbursed near the full value of the ticket, yet not until I had likewise seen the man, supposing I might in a month or two get myself reimbursed. So having the ticket in my hands for security, I paid in money or goods 25*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.* You know that poor men's necessities sometimes cry aloud for supply, especially when at a distance from London, and therefore I hope that those that have supplied any,—not making their necessities an advantage for covetous spirits to work upon,—shall not suffer too much; yet I will observe what you please to order me to do herein. [1 *page.*]

June 9.
Barnet.

38. Archibald, Marquis of Argyle, to Gavin Lawry, merchant in London. I hear you were at my house with a bailiff at your back,

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which made me leave sooner than I intended. I never intended to decline my engagement for Lord Loudoun for 100*l.* sterling for Mr. Livingston's use; had I not feared others who have taken more unjust bills against me than yours, I had not left you so abruptly. I intend not to prejudice any just creditor; I owe not a penny to any Englishman, for I paid all scores before I left London.

I waited last Monday to see you, and will satisfy you as Lords Warriston, Swinton, and Lockhart shall determine, if you will not wait till I advertise Lord Loudoun, after my coming to London; for if he intends only delays, as I fear, I will see you satisfied by Candlemas. None of my rents are payable till then, so I cannot pay it by Martinmas, as you desire. You may esteem this engagement as good as any security. I esteem you an honest man, but there are some of the quality in London whom I should be more unwilling to have a hearing with. [1 *page.*]

June 10. Orders in Parliament.

That Col. Thos. Fitch be lieutenant of the Tower, and the Council of State see his commission drawn out accordingly.

That members of Parliament who are also members of Council consider the suitable government of the Tower, and several offices there. [*I.* 91, *p.* 23.]

June 10. Whitehall. President Johnston to Rear-Adm. Bourne, commander of the Downs squadron. Council has received a request from the Countess of Kildare to go to Dieppe, and from the Earl of Bedford for his son, Lord Russell, to return thence to England; therefore they desire you to provide a convoy and take the Countess and attendants over to Dieppe, and bring back Lord Russell and his servants, for better security of their passage. [*I.* 98, *p.* 16.]

June 11. Order in Parliament.—On consideration of yesterday's order, on the report by Sir Hen. Vane concerning papers delivered by the Dutch Ambassador, $\frac{7}{17}$ June, which report was read, and also the answer of the Council of State thereto, and a draft declaration inhibiting the taking of commissions from foreign princes and states;—order that the Council of State make the answer and declaration the subject of their treating with the ambassador, and report their proceedings for the House's approbation. [*I.* 91, *p.* 23.]

[June 11.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Clerk of the Commonwealth in Chancery referred. [*Col.* 11.]

A declaration touching commissions from foreign states read. [*Col.* 19.]

A paper from the public minister of the Duke of Holstein read. [*Col.* 34.]

Petitions referred to five of the Council. [*Col.* 59.]

Petition of Maurice Thompson and others referred. [*Col.* 76.]

A constant Committee to meet with the Dutch Ambassador, and report. [*Col.* 19.]

The Portugal Ambassador's paper referred (4 entries). [*Col.* 59.]

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[June 11.] Index entries of proceedings in Council of State (*cont.*)

Commission to the lieutenant of the Tower to be prepared, and regulations for it referred. [*Col.* 76.]

Maj. Ceely's letter referred. [*Col.* 11.]

Council remove to another room. [*Col.* 11.]

A Militia Act to be prepared. [*Col.* 48.]

Account of the goods, &c., at Hampton Court. [*Col.* 34.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 61–64.]

June 11. **39.** Petition of the Postmasters and others of England to Parliament. We acknowledge the Providence which has restored you to your trust. We have served you at hazard of life and loss of time and estate, freed the Commonwealth from 4,000*l.* paid by the late King for carrying his expresses, and brought you a large revenue, without a penny charge to any farmer.

Since your interruption, we have been exposed to farmers, who have increased our work and lessened our wages, and threatened to turn us out unless we would accept their pleasures. We beg to have no farmers put upon us, who for their own advantage bring contempt on the Government and burdens on the people, but to pay our moneys into the hands of known and responsible persons. 78 signatures, with note that it was read 10 June, and referred to a Committee of Council, 11 June. [1 *sheet; also I.* 85, *col.* 59.] *Annexing,*

39. I. 11 *reasons why the postage of letters ought not to be farmed;* e.g., *that it becomes a private—not a public interest; gives "the people cause to fear that they shall still be bought and sold," instead of things running "in the clear channel of a Commonwealth;" retards government dispatches, and runs the risk of their falling into unfaithful hands; prevents redress of abuses or undue exactions, as farmers either rack the people or oppress the postmasters. Most of the postmasters have served in times of war and trouble, when neither undertaker nor farmer durst appear, and it would be an ill requital to turn them out now, and it will be an opening for private persons to set up expresses on the roads, as done in the late King's time, so that the revenue was altogether lost.* [1 *sheet.*]

39. II. *Arguments to prove that the farming of the postage of letters is not only against law, but the well-being of a Commonwealth.* [1 *sheet.*]

39. III. *Note of* 7 *deputy postmasters employed by Withers, an attorney, between Ware and York.* [⅔ *page.*]

June 13. Orders in Parliament.

On petition of Elizabeth, widow of John Lilburne, 40*s.* a week formerly allowed her, to be continued out of public revenue, and the arrears due from 7 May last paid.

The Council of State to take special care to guard Hampton Court from waste or defacement, and the household stuffs and goods therein from spoil and embezzlement.

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On Sir Hen. Vane's report from Council; that Col. Lockhart be employed to the King of France; that such letters as he shall receive from Council, to be employed to the King of France in such a character as Council thinks fit, shall be signed by Mr. Speaker; and that Council shall give fit instructions with reference to France or other ministers to foreign states.

That Council present names of persons suitable to be judges on this summer's circuit, whether members of Parliament or otherwise.

That 755*l.* a week for maimed soldiers and widows be continued for a week.

That Council consider the lands of the late archbishops and bishops, of the late King, and other State lands in Scotland and Ireland, and report their yearly value, how they are disposed of, and what lands have been given away, and by and to whom, since the interruption of this House. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 22, 24, 25.]

[June 13.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

The Admiralty Commissioners to provide a vessel to transport Col. Lockhart. [*Col.* 1.]

Proposal for securing Dunkirk. [*Col.* 19.]

Warrants for 4,000*l.* for the Sound Commissioners, and 2.000*l.* credit. [*Col.* 67.]

Sam. Titsell sent for. [*Col.* 76.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 65, 66.]

June 13. Committee of Safety, and for Nomination of Officers.—Day's Proceedings.

Order granting a request that Col. Geo. Crompton, Rich Bartlett, and Wm. Done, be justices of peace for Gravesend, Kent, and the Commissioners of the Seal to put them into the commission.

Mr. Willis, who pretends a title of the office of clerk in Chancery, to attend this Committee at 3 p.m.

The address of Lieut. George Thompson presented and read. He pleads that his Highness Oliver commanded him from Hull on Sir Hen. Slingsby's business, and when he had been here 3 months, told him of an information that he was in that plot, or privy to it. He avers that he had no hand in it, but discovered it to the governor, Col. Smith. Order that the case be considered, with the business of Hull garrison.

A motion of Col. Fitch about Capt. Nary to be considered when the business of Col. Mitchell's regiment comes on.

The business about Col. Guibon's regiment and the Isle of Jersey to be considered in the afternoon, and that touching the Life Guards to-morrow afternoon.

The report touching the officers for Ireland to be then considered. [*I.* 127, *pp.* 1, 2; *I.* 128, *p.* 3; *I.* 129, *p.* 1.]

June 14. Order in Parliament that this House agrees with Council that a letter should be written to MM. Steele and Corbet to take care of

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Irish affairs till the other Commissioners arrive in Ireland; and a letter be written to Col. Hen. Cromwell to repair hither, which Council is to prepare and Mr. Speaker to sign. [*I.* 91, *p.* 25.]

June 14. Chatham Yard. **40.** Phineas Pett to the Navy Commissioners. On a complaint that I detained a servant's ticket from his master, I sent a letter explaining how I came by it, and how much I paid on it. The master being lately with me, after some debate, I consented compliance to the loss of 10*l.*, provided it might appear that he is his servant, believing the captain would not have parted with the ticket without a confidence that he was his own man, yet nothing would satisfy him but my loss of the whole. This I ought to bear had I by deceit or fraud come to possess the ticket, or not paid a conscionable value for it.

I hope I shall not suffer too much for an action performed to the wrong of no man, provided the servant had been honest; nevertheless, I beseech you to do therein as in your judgments shall appear most just, and I shall, although to my loss, heartily correspond thereto. In his discourse with me, he asserted that I had 7*l.* for the disbursement, being ignorant of the clothes charged, which makes me question whether there be not a compliance between the master and the servant, to defraud me, as by that it would appear he has had an account of the whole except 7*l.* of his servant. [1 *page.*]

Orders in Parliament.

June 15. That Sir Thos. Armstrong and Jn. Weston, on giving their parole, and security for future good conduct, be discharged from their imprisonment, and Council to see this done.

That Council confer with the Lieutenant of the Tower after the regulation to nominate all officers under him, and present their names to this House for approbation. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 24, 25.]

[June 15.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Geo. Bilton's business referred. [*Col.* 5.]

A committee to consider how moneys may be had. [*Col.* 48.]

Petition of the Eastland merchants referred (and reported). [*Col.* 26.]

Petition of the Spanish merchants read. [*Col.* 67.]

Nath. Taylor and [Valentine] Willis to attend. [*Cols.* 76, 80.]

Pay to be constantly provided for Dunkirk.

How the remainder of the 3,000*l.* for it is to be disposed of. [*Col.* 19.]

Col. Lockhart to acquaint Lord Bordeaux with his going to France. [*Col.* 42]

Warrant to Major Salway to deliver composition deer. [*Cols.* 67, 69.]

The Admiralty Committee to order the Langport, or a better vessel, for the Sound, and a ship for carriage of 30 horse. [*Col.* 1.]

Report for letters to be sent to Ireland (read). [*Col.* 38.]

The slighting of Dunkirk referred. [*Col.* 19.]

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The petition of the framework knitters referred. [*Col.* 29.]

Also that of the Nevis agent. [*Col.* 54.]

Commission to Col. Wm. Lockhart to be governor of Dunkirk [*Col.* 42.]

Report on judges to ride the circuit. [*Col.* 38.]

The Swedish minister's paper read. [*Col.* 67.]

Col. Berkstead's letter about bonds. [*Col.* 5.]

Letter from Gen. Monk. [*Col.* 48.]

No members to have 2 bucks before each member has had one. [*Col.* 48.]

Scandalous books and pamphlets to be suppressed. [*Col.* 59.]

Lieut.-Col. Bedell [to export ?] 6 geldings. [*Cols.* 5, 59.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 67–75.]

June 15.
Whitehall.

Pres. Johnston to Gualter Frost. You are to pay out the 500*l.* ordered you by Council for gaining intelligence according to orders from Lieut.-Gen. Fleetwood, Sir Hen. Vane, Major Salway, Mr. Scutt, Col. Sydenham, and Col. Deane, the Committee of Council for managing intelligence. [*I.* 107, *p.* 13.]

June $\frac{15}{25}$.

[Sec. Nicholas] to the Marquis of Newcastle. I must condole with you on the loss of your noble son, Viscount Mansfield. He was a matchless son, a truly noble and virtuous person. It has pleased God to take him to himself as too good for this wicked world; it must be a great comfort that he is translated to a better place. You will have the more patience in that you have another most worthy son, in whom I wish the noble spirit of his most excellent brother may be doubled. [1 *page, draft, Flanders correspondence.*]

June 16.

Orders of Parliament.

On Lord Whitelock's report from the Committee appointed to receive the Hamburg Envoy, of his letters credential, and his speech, the Council of State are to hear what further he has to say, and appoint a time and place.

The Council of State to consider three several letters, viz. :—

From the Hanse States in Germany, directed *Parliamento Reipublicæ Angliæ, Scotiæ, and Hiberniæ,* dated London, June 14, 1659. Two letters credential from Lubec, Bremen, and Hamburg, given to their agent, Lord Martin Boekem, dated 23 May 1659. A letter from the ambassador extraordinary from the King of Poland, dated $\frac{28}{18}$ May 1659.

That the Council of State examine the business concerning the commitment of Theodorus Counell, one of the family of the Polish Ambassador, and his interpreter, and act as they think fit.

That whoever are appointed to go the circuit, go in the quality and capacity of judges.

That this House agrees with the Council of State that the Great Seal Commissioners confer with those appointed to go on circuit, and settle the circuits to the best advantage of the State.

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That the following be Judges to go on circuit—

Sir Thos. Widdrington.	Justice Archer.
Lord Chief Baron Wild.	Baron Parker.
Baron Thorpe.	Serjeant Roger Hill.
Justice Nicholas.	„ Earle.
„ Atkins.	„ Hugh Windham.
„ Newdigate.	

That John Haggett, John Corbet, and John Radcliffe be judges to go the circuit in Wales.

That the Council of State confer with the Great Seal Commissioners, and those already appointed to go on circuit, to settle the circuits and nominate other judges wanted, and report them to this House. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 26, 28–30.]

June 16. Committee of Safety, and for Nomination of Officers. Day's Proceedings.

The Act of 8 June, constituting commissioners for nomination of officers in England and Scotland read.

Order that the chair room in the gallery be prepared for this Committee, and that they meet there daily at 3 p.m., and at 6 a.m. when particularly appointed.

The regiments of Cols. Rich, Packer, and Saunders to be considered this afternoon, and they to attend.

The members to be summoned for 3 p.m., and then the Irish business to be considered.

The names of officers of the army of Ireland now in England, and fit to be sent over presently, considered, and also the names of those put out of their commands in Ireland irregularly.

The following nominated and to be presented to Parliament as colonels to be sent over presently—

Thos. Cooper to have a foot regiment.

Hierome Zanchy to have a horse regiment.

The cases of Cols. Thos. Sadler, Barrow, Axtell, and Lawrence to be considered this afternoon, when they are to attend.

Cols. Rich. Lawrence and John Clarke to have foot regiments.

Alex. Brafield to have the regiment, late Gen. Cromwell's, and —— Arnopp to be his lieut.-colonel.

Lieut. John Dober, recommended by Col. Morley, to be considered with Portsmouth garrison.

Col. Alured to be spoken with, whether he will have a regiment of horse in Ireland or of foot in England.

Col. Overton to have his regiment of foot in Scotland and his command as major-general, but to expect no pay for it, and to be governor of Hull.

To recommend to Parliament that these persons be commanded over to their respective regiments with all speed.

Col. John Mason called in and offered the governorship of Jersey or Inverness, or a foot regiment in England or Scotland. Resolved that he be governor of Jersey, with pay of 20*s.* a day as governor and colonel of the militia there.

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June 16. Order that there be a guard to Parliament when sitting, and in its intervals to Council, to consist of 120 horse at 3*s.* a day each. The officers to be a captain at 20*s.* daily, lieutenant 14*s.*, cornet 12*s.*, quartermaster 9*s.*, four corporals 16*s.*, and 2 trumpeters.

Major Beake and Col. Lilburne to attend in the afternoon.

The officers of Col. Packer's regiment debated.

Cornet Wm. Moulton to be in place of Rich. Hobson, who is old and scandalous.

Cornet Tim. Cloudesly to be cornet in Capt. Hunter's troop, in place of Thos. Mason, left out for playing at table Lord's day, and Thos. Atkinson, quartermaster.

Capt. John Spencer to be in place of Rich. Morris, left out, as made an adjutant-general. Major Creed reports that Spencer did a desperate action when the Duke of Hamilton came on the Heath with 20,000 men, and he was sent with 80 horse, and orders not to return till he brought some prisoners, and an account of the enemy. Major Andrews spoke well of his courage at Casain Bridge. He is appointed captain.

Capt. Ezard reported a lover of good men. Ordered a troop of horse.

Capt. Wm. Disher,—Statement that in 1650–51 he discouraged the raising regiments in Scotland, and gave false intelligence of that army; also that he had deceived the soldiers of their pay; he resigned to avoid a trial by Court-martial.

Mr. Ramball, captain of the guard, reported to be a violent prosecutor of all good people, is discontented at the change of government. Capt. Ezard offered him a paper to sign about making the old Protector King.

Thos. Kitterd, quartermaster in Barker's troop, asks to be heard before he is laid aside. Major Merriman asks why Riddard is put out. He was accused of keeping a woman and giving her 3*l.* a month, and of speaking against the sitting of Council in Parliament.

The list to be reported to Parliament, with a blank for the captain in the last troop.

The officers of Col. Rich's regiment debated.

Quartermaster Lloyd, in Duckett's troop, was much for the last Parliament.

Wise desires to be heard; has been fined 20*l.* for plundering. Order that informers against any person withdraw after giving their information, while the matter is debated. [*I.* 127, *pp.* 3–9; *I.* 128, *pp.* 4–6; *I.* 129, *pp.* 1, 2.]

June $\frac{16}{26}$. Paris. N.B. [Nich. Bodkin ?] to Col. Whitly, gentleman at the Court of the King of England at Brussels. On my arrival here I sent a note to *the Cardinal.** I was instantly called to him to debate on other

* No original key exists to this cypher, of which there have been only 2 specimens found, the present and a letter of $\frac{24}{31}$ July, entirely in cypher. On this account the reading of the proper names is only conjectural, although the remainder is decyphered with certainty.—ED.

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matters. I found him most willing to comply with you, and he wished me to speak to *the Queen* (?) as from myself, and to follow him to *Fontainebleau*, where he stays 4 days. I find *the Queen* (?) is not willing to have any such thing moved till the peace is concluded. I cannot tell whether she will not have me act therein, or whether she thinks it not seasonable; but I am sure *the Cardinal* (?) is most willing to comply with you in all things. *Lord Jermyn* asked me whether I had any letter *of credence from the King to the Cardinal* (?) I said I had not, nor any order to speak to *the Cardinal from the King*, but only to sound him, as from myself. I will write to *the King* from *Fontainebleau*. If you have anything to command me towards 180, send it by way of *Lord Jermyn*, with whom I shall leave an address. [1 *page, copy. Italics, cypher undecyphered. French correspondence.*]

June 17. Orders in Parliament.

That this House agrees with Council that a public minister should be sent from England to reside in Holland.

That Council confer with Col. Rich concerning the said service, and if he be free to undertake it, appoint him thereto. [*I.* 91, *p.* 28.]

[June 17.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Col. Geo. Crompton's petition referred. [*Col.* 11.]
Order on ships taken by foreign commanders.
Report on a power to impress seamen. [*Col.* 68.]
Hen. Taylor's gratuity referred. [*Col.* 77.]
John Dury's petition read. [*Col.* 19.]
The Committee to confer with the Dutch Ambassador. [*Col.* 19.]
Letters to be sent to the militia troops. [*Col.* 48.]
Capt. Stoakes' fleet called home. [*Col.* 68.]
Lord Whitelock to have the custody of the Library at James'. [*Cols.* 38, 40.]
The hay at Hampton Court to be cut. [*Col.* 34.]
Letter from Geo. Downing read. [*Col.* 19.]
The petition of John Freemen and others referred (and recommended). [*Col.* 29.]
Report from the resident in Holland. [*Col.* 34.]
The Trustees for the King's lands heard. [*Col.* 41.]
The credentials and paper of the Swedish public minister reported. [*Col.* 88.]
Reference as to the officers for the Tower. [*Col.* 76.]
John Weston's security referred. [*Col.* 80.]
Report of a conference with the Dutch Ambassador to be made. [*Col.* 19.]
Order about Harman Barnes. [*Col.* 3.]
The Hamburg envoy to have audience. [*Col.* 34.]
The Jamaica business referred. [*Col.* 38.]
The commitment of the Polish Ambassador's interpreter referred. [*Col.* 59.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 76–82.]

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June 17. Committee of Safety, and for Nomination of Officers.—Day's Proceedings.

Dr. Phil. Cartwright nominated and to be presented to the House as Judge-Advocate to the army in England.

The business of Ireland and the settling the regiments there to be taken next Monday peremptorily.

Recommendations for justices of peace to be signed by the persons presenting them, and a record kept of their names and certificates.

Capt. Eaton to make answer to-morrow at 7 a m.

On motion of Lord Sydenham, Major Scutt to be considered next vacancy.

Lieut. Wm. Thomlinson complains that he is turned out because he is not of his colonel's opinions; but Col. Saunders says he gave up his commission at Derby in 1650, pleading that he was lame, and could not go to Scotland to fight. Nothing done.

Judge-Advocate Margetts pleads 17 years' service as clerk to the Irish Committee till 1645, then to Dr. Mills till 1647, when he went down as advocate to the North, and then was deputy-advocate to Whalley, having the whole pains and charge of the business; before the end of last Parliament, Whalley requested that Capt. Wright might be here, Whalley in Ireland, and Margetts in Scotland; but he declined Scotland on account of his health, and Cartwright was appointed. He desires, according to the customs of war, to succeed Whalley, to whom he has been 12 years deputy,—Order that Margetts and Cartwright be nominated to Parliament as judges advocate for England and Scotland, and that Lambert and Fleetwood accommodate the business between them; Cartwright would be content with a commission to Jersey.

Capt. Rob. Hope to have the troop in Packer's regiment, which was Capt. Ezard's 4 years and 2 months.

The officers of Col. Rich. Moss's regiment debated and settled, and the list signed and to be entered in the book of reports. [*Same as printed in Commons' Journal, Vol. IX., p.* 700.]

Capt. Thos. Pride not agreed on, and therefore not to be presented to Parliament.

The case of Capt. Duckett in Col. Rich's regiment discussed, and examinations brought to prove his good conduct in Scotland at the routing of Middleton; that he was in the van of the horse at Newbury fight, and also before the dissolution of the last Convention, in marching his troop when ordered into James' Fields at 2 a.m. Maj. Gen. Kelsey reports that a real change was wrought on him in the time of sore afflictions and temptations, and that he often complained of the corruptions of the Court. The major believes that he "will be a sad man" if laid aside.

Col. Sydney's recommendation of Capt. Morris to be considered next vacancy. [*I.* 127, *pp.* 11–16; *I.* 128, *pp.* 6, 7; *I.* 129, *p.* 2.]

June 18. Act for an assessment to defray the charge of forces at land and sea, viz., 35,000*l.* a month on England, 6,000*l.* on Scotland, and 9,000*l.* on Ireland, to be paid in 12 months from 24 June, half in

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August and half in October; to be levied by the former Commissioners for Assessment. [5 *pages, printed. Coll. of Acts, Vol. II., No.* 139. *Record Office Library,* 498, *F.*]

June 18. Order in Parliament, on a letter from Carolus Gustavus, King of Sweden, given at his Castle of Cronenburgh, 31 May 1659, that Council give audience to his envoys, viz., Lord Geo. Fleetwood, lieut.-general of the King's infantry, and John Frederick of Freizendorff, councillor of the said King in Prussia, receive their propositions, treat with them, and report. [*I.*.91, *p.* 27.]

June 18.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

The Commissioners and farmers of Excise to attend. [*Col.* 26.]

The want of money to be reported to Parliament. [*Col.* 48.]

Martin Noel to attend Council. [*Col.* 54.]

Order for money to be restored to Wm. Nieuport, and a pass for a mare. [*Col.* 54.]

Letter to Sir Hen. Mildmay. [*Col.* 48.]

Audience to the Swedish public minister (*bis*). [*Col.* 68.]

Petition of the East India Company referred (and reported). [*Col.* 26.]

The Commissioners plenipotentiary for the Sound to visit public ministers. [*Col.* 68.]

Members to be sent to M. Bordeaux. [*Col.* 5.]

Order about cock-fightings at Standrop. [*Col.* 68.]

A committee to speak with the East India Company (and their report). [*Col.* 26.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 84–89.]

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Capt. Eyton's answer to Col. Biscoe's charge read and referred to Col. Lilburne, Col. Fitch, Lieutenant of the Tower, and 13 others, to report.

John Blackmore to be nominated as major in Gen. Desborow's regiment.

The regiment of Cols. Moss and Desborow signed, and to be reported to the House by Sir Art. Hesilrigg.

Wm. Mumford informs that the armoury at Whitehall is in his custody, he having taken the key from —— Mordell, who had it, not being in assurance of his faithfulness at this juncture of time. He found after that Mordell had another key, and so took that also. Nothing has been removed save 5 or 6 screwed pieces given to his late Highness, and a few other fowling pieces, a dozen in all.

The clerk to sign the order for the justices at Gravesend. Several lists of justices, delivered in by members, to be entered in the book for justices. [*Missing.*]

Fleetwood, Vane, and Jones to consider Dr. Cox in reference to the government of Catherine's hospital. [*I.* 127, *pp.* 17, 18. *I.* 128, *p.* 8.]

June 18.] **41.** Serj. E. Dendy and surveyor John Embree to the Council of State. On your order of 11 June instant,—to repair to Hampton Court, and take an account of the goods in the houses, so that there

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be no embezzlement; to note what servants remain there; to take care of the water courses and rivers; and to say what servants should be continued to look after the house—we enclose a list of tapestries, furniture, &c., in the following rooms:—

Great presence chamber.
Privy chamber.
Supping or withdrawing-room.
Balcony-room and closet next it.
Rich bed-chamber.
The late Queen's bed-chamber.
His late Highness's bed-chamber and dressing-room.
Paradise-room.
Long gallery and side gallery adjoining.
Small closet in Lady Falconbridge's lodgings, formerly the Duke of Richmond's.
Lady Frances' lodgings, formerly the late King's cabinet-room.
Room appointed for strangers.
Lord President's room, formerly the late King's dressing-room, and servants'-room adjoining.
The late King's bed-chamber and little room adjoining.
" " withdrawing-room.
Minister's room, formerly private oratory.
The late King's privy chamber.
" " presence chamber.
" Prince's gallery.
" " bed-chamber.
" " withdrawing chamber and dressing-room.
Closet in the passage to the tennis court.
Nursery at the end of that passage.
Lodgings, formerly Duke of Hamilton's, late Lord Claypole's, as Master of the horse, viz.:—
Bed-chamber and dressing-room.
Withdrawing-room and closet adjoining.
Two dining-rooms and another adjoining.
Room next it for servants.
Closet in the late King's private oratory and a little chamber adjoining.
Lodgings of the Controller, Col. Jones, formerly the Lord Chamberlain's, and room adjoining.
Withdrawing-room.
Dining-room.
Two servants'-rooms.
Lady Claypole's nursery, being part of the armoury.
Room for Lady Falconbridge's gentlewoman, being part of the armoury.
Mrs. Faircloth's room, late Lady Denbigh's.
Servant's room, and room adjoining.
Mdlle. Durett's room.
Lady Denbigh's chamber, late Mrs. Clayton's.
Room where young Lady Cromwell's gentlewoman lay, below stairs.
Servants' dining-room below stairs, formerly called the vestry.

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June 18. Mr. Maidstone's lodgings, formerly the Earl of Holland's:—
Bedroom.
Blue room.
Dining-room.
Lower wardrobe.
Upper „
The late Queen's oratory, where Mrs. Blowfield lay.
Mr. Cofferer's man's room.
Room, formerly the Vry.
Great Hall.
Room over the lower wardrobe.
Mrs. Waterhouse's room, formerly the Queen's robe room.
Col. Wm. Cromwell's lodgings, formerly Sir Mat. Lister's:—
Bedroom.
Mr. How, the minister's withdrawing-room, formerly Sec. Windebank's.
Mr. How's bed-chamber.
Servants' room.
Late King's gentleman ushers' room, late Mr. Robinson's, yeoman of the race.
Dr. Clarke's room, formerly the Signet Office.
Mr. Jones, the carver's room, formerly the late Queen's gentlewoman.
Mr. Bird's room, formerly for the late King's robes.
The former Lord Treasurer's bed-chamber.
Lady Claypole's nursery, formerly the Bishop of Canterbury's room.
Laundry.
Two porters' lodges.
Mr. Kerby, yeoman of the wine cellar's room.
Mr. Drewer, the granary man's room.
Two rooms of grooms of the stable.
Dairy-maids' room.
Lord Claypole's man's chamber.
Note that a large proportion, as marked, of the said goods are said to belong to his late Highness.
Banqueting-house in the Mount garden.
Cloister court and bowling green.
Moat garden.
Chapel and ante chapel.
His late Highness's kitchen.
Room at the end of the wardrobe.
Scullery.
Controller's kitchen.
Pantry.
Flesh-larder.
Brewhouse.
Store cisterns.
Housemaids' room.
Grooms of the chambers' rooms.
As to the other parts of your order, Mr. Kinnersley was lately ordered to be house as well as wardrobe keeper, and he has an under-keeper and 2 porters, who should be continued till the goods are disposed of. Also 2 gardeners.

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As to water-courses and rivers, several pipes leading from Coome Park Hill and Hampton Town to the house are broken, and the river has been turned out of its course for private uses, and stopped by weeds, which are now clearing, to supply the park and ponds, and preserve the fish. Though you do not name the parks, yet the Commonwealth having an interest therein, we certify that there are 700 deer in the Home Park, 1,700 in Bushy Park, and 30 red deer. There is one ranger for both parks; 2 keepers and a huntsman for the Home Park, and 2 keepers with 2 men under them for Bushy Park. [*Book of* 26 *written and* 6 *blank pages.*]

June 18. Note of an order in Council for the porters at Hampton Court. [*I.* 85, *col.* 34.]

June 18. London. **42.** T. Barlow to Williamson. Col. Leigh has shown me your letter about his son, and is pleased with your plain dealing, though sad for his son's miscarriages. He wishes you to try him a little longer. Pray keep him till my return, and then we may bring him to some regularity, which would be a credit to our house, and a comfort to his sad father. Otherwise he shall not stay there, lest he do mischief to others. Take charge of some tobacco that the Colonel has sent me. [1¼ *pages.*]

June 20. Orders in Parliament.

That the Council of State confer with the judges and under-sheriffs, before the judges go on circuit, to take care that the people be not wronged by bailiffs and juries.

That the whole management of the revenue be entrusted to 5 Commissioners, who are to see it duly brought in, and give due allowances.

That 2 of them be members of this house.

That Maj. Salway, Col. Downe, Robt. Scawen, Silvanus Taylor, Hen. Brandrith, and Edw. Story, be the said Commissioners, and continue for 6 months.

That the Council of State consider and issue fit instructions to the said Commissioners. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 30, 32.]

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— Brewster to be considered for Landguard Fort.

Capt. Kingdon to be consulted whether there should be an engineer to the army.

Col. Overton to be governor of Hull and have a foot company.

Col. Alured to command the Guard for Parliament, and have a colonel's pay.

Lieutenant to the said Guard, John Catlines.

Cornet Hen. Vane.

Corporals Sam. Nelson, Thos. Cooper, Rich. Watling, and Rich. Ward.

Quartermaster — Morley, to the said Guard.

The former Life Guard to be reduced to 120, beside officers, and be a troop of horse to guard Parliament when sitting, and the Council of State in the intervals, at 3*s.* a day each.

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— Beake to be major to Col. Lilburne's regiment.

— Smithson to be major to Saunders' regiment.

Lord Lambert to be spoken with.

The Custodes Rotulorum named by this Committee to present the names of clerks of the peace for consideration. [*I.* 127, *pp.* 19, 20; *I.* 128, *p.* 9.]

June $\frac{20}{30}$. Settenburg. Jo. Lockhart to Amb. Lockhart. It has been debated in the House that all that have received any salary other than was appointed in 1653 should refund. It is intended chiefly in relation to the Privy Council, but I believe it will not be insisted on. The better to pay the army arrears without taxing the people, it was moved that the penalty of an Act against taking and giving honours conferred since the King's going to Oxford should be enacted; it is said to amount to 200,000*l.* at least, and it is to be extended to honours conferred by the Protector. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

[June 21.] Index entries to proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Letter to the mayor and jurates of Sandwich. [*Col.* 68.]

Report for Rich. Bradshaw to be resident at Hamburg. [*Col.* 5.]

Papers of the Dutch Ambassador reported, and ships to be stated.

The Committee treating with him to consider how the rectification of the treaty at the Hague may be made. [*Col.* 19.]

Instructions to be prepared for the Revenue Commissioners. [*Col.* 63.]

Report to Parliament about lodgings in Whitehall. [*Col.* 80.]

Mr. Marriott to attend Council. [*Col.* 49.]

Letter to the [Commissioners?] for the monthly assessment. [*Col.* 1.]

Money taken from the Customs to repay 30,000*l.* borrowed to be repaid out of the assessments. [*Col.* 12.]

Letter from Gen. Monk. [*Col.* 48.]

Serjeant Dendy to receive arms in Whitehall. [*Col.* 19.]

Mr. Embree to prevent the removal of goods and defacing of lodgings in Whitehall (and locks). [*Col.* 26.]

Order about the coaches and arms in Chas. Rich's custody, he to be at Council. [*Col.* 63.]

No more warrants for bucks to be granted. [*Col.* 6.]

The Excise Commissioners to pay money into the Exchequer. [*Col.* 26.]

The judges and under-sheriffs to attend Council. [*Cols.* 38, 79.]

Col. Lockhart's servants taken to be exchanged. [*Col.* 42.]

The choice of a bargemaster referred. [*Col.* 5.]

Hen. Fitzherbert to examine passengers in Sussex. [*Col.* 29.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 90–95.]

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Lieut.-Col. Elleston, Col. Fitch, and 7 others, to consider of such of the yeomen of the guard as are deserving, and fit to be ensigns

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or lieutenants of foot; also to consider the petition of Serj. Wm. Hamond, and other petitions depending before the Commissioners, and the natures, qualities, and conditions of the people, and report to-morrow. With list of 18 persons whose petitions were delivered therewith.

The Tower regiment debated, and some votes passed, but suspended till the afternoon.

Sir Art. Heselrigg to report the nomination of Maj. Wm. Boteler as quartermaster-general.

Officers of Sir Art. Heselrigg's regiment appointed.

Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.
Col. Sir A. Heslerigg.	Capt. Edw. Toll.	Geo. Oliver.
Lt.-Col. John Major.	John Fisher.	Thos. Mayer.
—— — Major.	Geo. Elson.	John Christopher.
John Topping.	Thos. Love.	Geo. Jones.
John Mason.	Jas. Rymond.	Peter Bush.
Peter Banister.	Wm. Dyke.	Adam Edwards.
Jos. Simpson.	Thos. Swanne.	Wm. Willeman.
Tim. Leving.	Jacob Sumners.	Wm. Leving.
Wm. Elmes.	Geo. Mason.	Wm. Mayer.

Chaplain, Geo. Long; marshal and store-keeper, John Overing; master gunner, Thos. Foster; surgeon, Alex. Aurelbus.

Lieut. Heath to be considered for a foot company in Col. Guibon's regiment.

Col. John Okey's regiment.

Wroth Rogers to be put instead of Capt. Castle.

List of the officers to be reported to Parliament. [*Same as given in Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p.* 698.]

Thos. Wansey added to the establishment as a lieutenant at Hurst Castle, as formerly, he having been put out for disaffection to the late Government.

The Irish gentlemen attending the Committee, order that Col. Thos. Sadler be nominated for a foot regiment in Ireland, and presented to the House, and inserted in the report to be offered to the House touching the Irish colonels.

Col. Berkstead's regiment.

Report by Maj. Miller, that Lieut. Packer is given to drinking and horse-racing, and Thos. Young, ensign, to keeping company with naughty women.

John Sheppard was cashiered by Col. Biscoe for drink, but has been ensign 3 months.

Maj. Miller has had the charge of the regiment all the time in the Tower.

Order that the regiment now in the Tower continue there some time.

Cols. Kelsey, Whitham, or Blake propounded for Col. Guibon's regiment if he is put out.

Capt. Jervis Jefferyes stated to be a drunken fellow.

Lieut. Jer. Masterson stated to be not very well affected. [*I.* 127, *pp.* 20–27; *I.* 128, *pp.* 10–13; *I.* 129, *p.* 3.]

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June 22. Act for bringing in all arrears, and also the growing duty of excise and impost, customs, subsidies, and prize goods, till 1 Oct. 1659. All arrears due before 6 May 1659 to be forthwith levied and paid, and all due to 1 Oct. to be paid in the same proportions. All Acts in force on 20 April 1653 to be continued for levying the said arrears as amply as if enacted by this Parliament. All Commissioners, &c., employed on 6 May last to be continued, and the Commissioners appointed in the Act for bringing in the revenue are to levy the said arrears and duties, all officers, civil and military, assisting them if required. [3 *pages, printed. No.* 14, *Vol. II., Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *French.*]

June 23. Orders in Parliament.

The order of 26 May last, giving the Council of State power to issue money for carrying on public affairs, continued a month longer.

Sir Hen. Vane reports from the Council of State, the credential letters from the King of Sweden, directed, "*Bonis nostris amicis et fœderatis, Reipublicæ Angliæ et Hiberniæ, &c., Illustrissimis et Excellentissimis Dominis Proceribus,*" and dated 31 May 1659.

Also papers delivered to Council by the envoys from the King of Sweden, and how Council gave the envoys audience, and finding their business to be of great public concernment, they report it to Parliament for directions, which papers were read.

Also a paper delivered to Council from the Dutch Ambassador, concerning ratification of the treaty at the Hague, which was also read.

Order thereon that these papers be referred back to the Council of State, to treat with the plenipotentiaries of the King of Sweden on what shall be proposed, and report.

Also the Dutch Ambassador's paper, which they are to consider, and report their opinion. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 30, 31.]

June 23. **43.** Order in the Council of State, that the petition of the Governor and Company of the Merchants of London trading to the East Indies be referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to certify how the petitioners may enjoy a free trade in the East Indies for the future. [½ *page.*]

[June 23.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Regulations as to the manner of giving audience. [*Col.* 1.]

The Dutch Ambassador's paper about the ratification to be reported. The Committee to treat with him. [*Col.* 19.]

The Swedish envoys to have audience, and a Committee to be appointed to treat with them. [*Col.* 68.]

Account to be given of Dutch ships seized by private men-of-war. [*Col.* 19.]

The petition of And. Riccard and others read, and a letter to Genoa ordered. [*Col.* 63.]

The names of the Commissioners to treat with the Swedish envoys read, and the treaty with them reported. [*Col.* 103.]

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The commissions and letters of credence to the Sound Commissioners and Plenipotentiaries read. [*Col.* 68.]

The ship Nicodemus released. [*Col.* 54.]

Ships to transport Mrs. Barkman and Wm. Nieuport. [*Cols.* 5, 54.]

Lord Whitelock to gain intelligence. [*Col.* 80.]

A bill of union with Scotland to be prepared. [*Col.* 68.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 93–105.]

June 23. **44.** Petition of Thos. Stevenson, mariner of Whitby, to Parliament. The late Protector and Council, on proof of my wrongful sufferings by the Dutch Lords in Flushing [*see* 14 *Dec.* 1658] desired satisfaction from Lord Nieuport, which he utterly delays and denies, saying I must go to Holland for redress, which I cannot do, my losses, after 7 months' attendance being 750*l.* He also says that he cannot credit the Admiralty Court witnesses, for a man may make an affidavit, and 3 days after another come, and he examined for him; also that Ambassadors are for the affairs of their own countrymen, and not for others. Begs that either Nieuport may obtain him satisfaction, or that he may take reprizals by staying Dutch ships in England till reparation be made. With note of order in Council. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

June 23. / July 3. *M. de Vaux* to [the Marquis du Chastel]. All submit to *the Lower House,* and *Hen. Cromwell* has written to say that the manner of government does not trouble him, provided the governors be suitable. He complains of the manner in which his late father is spoken of, but says if they will send persons to take his commission, he is quite ready to give it up; so he submits like the rest. All is in great tranquility, and a republic is being gradually established, without hope that *the King of Scots* or *the Protector* can do any thing.

I am very glad to hear that you have gained *your* lawsuit. I gained mine a few days ago, and we shall rejoice at each other's good fortune. All is for *you* and *your* family. *Lord Richard* is still at *Whitehall, Falconbridge* in the country; *Rosin* is going away, and I think he will conduct some young lords to your parts, as there is not much for him to do here. *Morland* and *his wife* are in the country; he is quite out of employment, though most of those who had charge at Court remain and serve the Parliament. I have good friends amongst its people here, especially the Speaker, so when you have anything particular, let me know it. [1 *page, Copy, French correspondence. Italics; cyphers undecyphered.*]

June 23. / July 3. London. — to Mr. Stoup of London, at M. Braconier's, Paris. He who commands in Ireland submitted in appearance, but in reality it is said that he has so practised as to make himself master of Dublin Castle, where he has retired with a good garrison of chosen men. It is even said that the Commissioners from Parliament who were going to Ireland dared not pass, but I do not think this can last. The chief army officers are much mortified. Parliament will make no general. Fleetwood is Lieut.-General and Commander-in-Chief, but

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at the bottom he has no credit, and can do nothing without 3 or 4 associates, and what is of most importance, he can give no commissions. All the officers, great and small, hold direct from Parliament. Those of the army who have made this change are very sorry for it now. A fortnight since they tried to undo it, but failed. [*French, Extract, French correspondence.*]

June 25. Order in Parliament that the Council of State hasten away the plenipotentiaries, and instruct them to try to settle a peace between the 2 northern kings, and have power, as occasion shall warrant, to order active assistance, or the return of the fleet. [*I.* 91, *p.* 33.]

June 25. Committee of Safety and for Nomination of Officers.—Day's Proceedings.

Col. Rich's regiment.

The following list of officers passed after debate.

Captains.	Cornets.
Col. Nath. Rich.	— Medecraft.
Major John Merriman.	Edw. Roberts.
John Barker.	John Blanchard.
Chas. Duckett.	Jas. Kittermaster.
John Barrington.	Jonathan Gregory.
John Breman.	Jas. Garnison.
Lieutenants.	**Quartermasters.**
Capt. John Toomes.	— Watridge.
Tim. Clare.	Wm. Garrett.
Rich. Holewell.	Dan. Davies.
Geo. Southwood.	Chas. Phelps.
Thos. Sumner.	Hum. Warren.
Gabriel Hopkins.	Chris. Coreswell.

Holewell had been a captain but was lowered, as not reputed a man of piety, and also suspected in the late action, because he left his troop when it went to James's, but returned to it.

Capt. Wm. Coomby, a base fellow, and Thos. Hunt, a debauched man, dismissed.

Davies reported to be a thorough Quaker.

Col. John Roseworm to attend the Committee at 3 p.m. tomorrow. [*I.* 127, *pp.* 27–29; *I.* 128, *pp.* 13, 14.]

June 25. / July 5. Brussels. Lord Chancellor Hyde to M. de Marces. Take care that the enclosed is delivered to Mr. Walsingham, who is related to the Earl of Bristol. The patterns you sent were good, but you may meet with more, and they will be carefully used. I want much a letter of the 13th, which was sent from London to Paris, under one of the directions you have. I wonder at its missing, because one of the same date which you sent arrived. I send the pass you required, and the King's answer to Sir Wm. Sauray. [1 *page, French correspondence.*]

June 25. / July 5. Brussels. Sec. Nicholas to M. de Marces. The Cardinal has gone to the frontiers to meet Don Louis de Haro, and from the conjuncture of the 2 crowns, we hope some advantage for our master's happy

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restoration. The rebels will not be able to establish a durable republic, that government being repugnant to the genius of the English nation, and to the whole body of its laws. There are misunderstandings between the Army and Parliament about their pay, and the soldiers begin to see that the end of the Parliament's giving commissions to officers is to have it in their power to disband them when they please, as the officers can have no authority but what is revokeable by a vote in Parliament. Admiral Montague's regiment is given to another—not the best way to conciliate him. Desborow, who was the most active in dissolving the last Parliament, and deposing his nephew, Rich. Cromwell, is laid aside and much discontented. Downing, the rebels' agent in Holland was revoked, and was returning, but has lately had orders to remain to introduce the new agent. The Danish and Dutch fleets in the Belt are very superior to the English and Swedes.

It is an infinite pity to our master's affairs that in all this time there are no moneys remitted from Spain, to pay the great arrears due to him. [*Extract, French correspondence.*]

June 27. Whitehall. **45.** Order in the Council of State that the committee appointed to consider the business of the Stillyard, and the papers relating to the Hanse Towns, delivered to Council by M. de Boeckall, envoy of Lubec, be desired to expedite the business, and report. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

[June 27.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Report of Dunkirk officers to be sent. [*Col.* 19.]

The petition of John Nevin and John Carr recommended to Col. Lockhart. [*Col.* 54.]

Ships taken by foreign commissions and goods embezzled. [*Col.* 68.]

A letter from Tunis referred. [*Col.* 76.]

The Army Committee's report for rules. [*Col.* 1.]

Mr. Harrison's bond to be delivered. [*Col.* 34.]

Letter to Col. Lockhart. [*Col* 42.]

Report about money to be borrowed on assessments. [*Col.* 49.]

Geo. Downing's bill of exchange for 500*l.* to be paid. [*Col.* 19.]

Draft of an Act about lands in Ireland reported. [*Col.* 38.]

Col. Lockhart's letter read. [*Col.* 42.]

Letters of credit to Gen. Montague for 5,000*l.* [*Col.* 49.]

Letters of credit for 2,000*l.* to the Sound plenipotentiaries. [*Col.* 68.]

Col. Rich's answer touching being resident. [*Col.* 63.]

M. Bordeaux's letter to be considered, and his paper answered. [*Col.* 5.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 107–111.]

June 27. Whitehall. President Johnston to Gen. Ed. Montague, commander of the English fleet in the Sound.

Council desire to inform you that the Commissioners and plenipotentiaries are hasting away with all speed, and intend to depart hence on Wednesday, and they send this by express, by which you are to

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reply to them, giving all possible information of the state of the business of the Sound and the Northern Kings. To ensure constant communication, they have appointed several small vessels especially for that service, and have sent you letters of credit for 400*l.*, for supply of victuals and other necessaries for the fleet, if wanted, to the end that all encouragement may be given to yourself and it. [*I.* 98, *p.* 22.]

June 27. Whitehall. President Johnston to Capt. Stoakes, commander of the English fleet in the Mediterranean.

Council having sent to the State of Genoa a letter, whereof we enclose a translation, recommend it to you, to try to obtain speedy satisfaction for the merchants of this State therein concerned. [*I.* 98, *p.* 20.]

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The petition of Corp. Wm. Hanmore referred to Col. Ashfield and 4 others, to hear what he has to say, state the case, and report.

Col. Saunders' regiment debated, and adjourned.

Col. Hum. Brewster to be nominated to Parliament as governor of Landguard Fort, and captain of the company that was Lieut.-Col. Flowers'.

Hen. Moreton to be cornet in Col. Thos. Hacker's regiment in place of —— Hacker, who is to be lieutenant in Col. Saunders' regiment.

Col. Fitch, lieutenant of the Tower, presents a report from the army officers, on the petition referred to them 21 June; order that they report on the remaining petitions within a week.

The condition of Lieut. Nelson referred to the said officers.

—— Wright to be ensign in Lieut.-Gen. Ludlow's regiment in place of [Nath.] London.

Thos. Margetts to be reported to Parliament as Judge-Advocate of the Army in Scotland, and Dr. Cartwright of that in England.

Col. Rich. Ashfield's regiment, being agreed on, to be signed.

Col. Saunders' debated, and agreed on.

Major Smithson to be his major, and his troop to be removed into that regiment.

The troops put to the question and agreed on to be reported.

Wm. Palmer added to the commission of peace for Kent, and —— Marsh and Tim. Cutler for Surrey.

Order passed *nem. con.*, that Lieut.-Gen. Edm. Ludlow be nominated and presented to Parliament for their approbation, as commander-in-chief of the forces in Ireland. [*I.* 127, *pp.* 30–33; *I.* 128, *pp.* 14–17; *I.* 129, *p.* 3.]

June 28. Act for impressing seamen, they being much wanted, giving power to the Admiralty Commissioners, Navy Commissioners, and Generals at sea, to impress mariners, surgeons, gunners, carpenters, hoymen or carmen, giving the 1½*d.* a mile conduct money; all refusing to serve to be imprisoned 6 months; all levied and not appearing, or withdrawing or removing to other ships, to be tried before the Admiralty Judges, who are to have them imprisoned for 6 months. All who take bribes for

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June 27. Committee of Safety. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*).

discharging men from impress to be fined 10*l.* All mariners and apprenticed watermen between 15 and 50 exempted from serving as soldiers. This Act to continue till 1 December 1659. [6 *pages, printed. Vol. II., No.* 142, *Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *French.*]

June 28. Act for settling the militia in Westminster and its liberties, appointing Wm. Lenthall, Master of the Rolls, and 98 other Commissioners for its regulation, who shall present the names of fit officers to the Council of State, and charge persons with horses, arms, &c.; but none to be charged with a horse and arms unless his estate is worth 3,000*l.*, nor with foot-arms unless it is 400*l.* Those between 100*l.* and 400*l.* to be charged with drums, colours, powder, &c., not exceeding 20*s.* each person. Those refusing to be fined 20*l.*, and distrained on refusal to pay. Those embezzling the horse or arms, and those not appearing to be imprisoned 5 days, or fined 20*s.* a horseman, 10*s.* a footman. Those who refuse to give up horse and arms fined 5*l.* Meetings to be held, and the Commissioners to demand the moneys in hands of any former Commissioners; also are to seize the arms of Popish recusants, or others who have been in arms against Parliament. This Act to continue till 1 March 1660. [9 *pages, printed. Vol II., No.* 144, *Collection of Acts, Record Office Library,* 498, *French.*]

June 28. Orders in Parliament.

On information that some gentlemen from Dunkirk were at the door, who were called in, and gave information concerning the state of the garrison at Dunkirk,—order that Council write in the name of Parliament to Cols. Lilliston and Aston, thanking them for their good services.

Also that Council give some present to Maj. Heynes and Capt. Guy, in acknowledgment of their good services.

On Col. Morley's report from the Council of State of a draft commission for Edw. Montague, General of our fleet, Algernon Sidney, M.P., and one of the Council of State, Sir Robt. Honeywood, one of the Council of State, and Thos. Boone, M.P., to be plenipotentiaries to the Kings of Sweden and Denmark,—order that the said commission be passed under the Great Seal of England, and signed by Mr. Speaker.

Like order on another commission read for the same plenipotentiaries for the King of Sweden.

Like order for a like commission to the plenipotentiaries for the King of Denmark.

Letters of credence presented for the said plenipotentiaries to the King of Sweden, King of Denmark, King of Poland, Marquis of Brandenburg, Commonwealth of Dantzic, and for Sir Phil. Meadows to the King of Sweden, to be passed under the Great Seal, and signed by Mr. Speaker.

The Council of State to prepare letters of credence and commissions to the Emperor, to be similarly signed and sealed.

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The Council of State to provide money for supply of the Dunkirk garrison.

Also to borrow money for supply of the wants of the soldiery, on credit of the assessments or customs, or both. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 31, 34, 35.]

June 28. Whitehall. President Johnston to Col. Littleton and Col. Roger Alsop, deputy governors of Dunkirk.

Council having read your letter, and account of the distress among the common soldiers, the threatened mutiny, and its suppression, and of your continued endeavours to discover the promoters of it, are much satisfied with the fidelity and diligence of yourselves and the rest of the officers, and have ordered it to be reported to Parliament. They will make speedy provision for the place, and for your encouragement, and that of the officers; they have ordered 1,600*l.* to be shipped, which will be with you shortly, and given direction for 4,000*l.* more, that your hands may be strengthened to continue your faithfulness. They have ordered some army officers to repair to Dunkirk, to advise with you concerning the better securing of that garrison, and have instructed Col. Lockhart to try, if there be a continuation of the cessation, to include you in it, and they have received to-day a letter from the French Ambassador, signifying from the King that the English may be included in the cessation, which Council has accepted. [*I.* 98, *pp.* 21, 22.]

June 29. Orders in Parliament.

That the Council of State prepare commissions and credentials for the Commissioners and plenipotentiaries, with such other character as they think fit, and Mr. Speaker sign them.

That the said Council prepare instructions to send to Dunkirk, for collecting receipts of customs, excise, and revenue there for the State's advantage, and authorise fit persons to take care thereof. [*I.* 91, *p.* 36.]

June 29. The Speaker to Cols. Lilliston and Alsop. Your letter to the Council of State of the 23rd inst. was reported to Parliament, who have received a further narrative of the state of Dunkirk garrison from Lieut.-Col. Heane and Capt. Guy, sent over with the said letter. Parliament desires me to thank you and the other officers for your services in quelling the mutiny among the private soldiers, and searching for its promoters. Parliament has referred it to the Council of State to supply money for your garrison, and desires your continued watchfulness against mutinies or disorders from within, or attempts from without. [*I.* 98, *p.* 23.]

June 29. **46.** Order in the Council of State that the petitions of the owners of the Maidenhead and Olive Branch, and of Ald. John Dethick, John Banks, and others, be referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to examine and report. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

[June 29.] Index entries of proceedings in the Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Letters of thanks to Cols. Alsop and Littleton. [*Cols.* 1, 42.]

Credentials for the plenipotentiaries. [*Col.* 12.]

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Report to Parliament for instructions for collecting the excise and customs in Dunkirk. [*Col.* 19.]

Parliament to be moved for another character to the Sound Commissioners and plenipotentiaries. [*Col.* 68.]

Report for credentials to Geo. Downing. [*Col.* 19.]

Instructions for persons sent to Dunkirk referred. [*Col.* 19.]

A frigate to be appointed to carry them. [*Col.* 19.]

Ratification of the Hague treaty. [*Col.* 34.]

The petition of Jas. Lockhart referred. [*Col.* 42.]

The votes of Parliament about the Post Office sent for. [*Col.* 59.]

Mr. Sharpe to return home. [*Col.* 68.]

Goods for the Sound plenipotentiaries to be delivered by Mr. Kinnersley and others. [*Col.* 68.]

A letter from M. Bordeaux read. [*Col.* 5.]

A ship to carry the messenger with the ratification of the Hague treaty. [*Col.* 34.]

The Sound plenipotentiaries to have the character of ambassadors. [*Col.* 68.]

500*l.* advanced to Col. Jones. [*Col.* 38.]

Mr. Backwell, for plate to be delivered to him. [*Col.* 5.]

The papers about the ship Maidenhead, and the petition and papers about the Olive Branch, referred. [*Cols.* 49, 57.]

A letter to Genoa about the ship Paramour referred. [*Col.* 59.]

The paper of the Sweden envoys referred. [*Col.* 68.]

Act, instructions, and commission for the Treasury passed, and to be reported to Parliament. [*Col.* 76.]

Warrants for apprehending persons to be signed. [*Col.* 80.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 112–119.]

June 29. **47.** Account of silver plate delivered by Clement Kinnersley, by order of the Council of State, to John Powell, steward to the Commissioners employed to the Kings of Sweden and Denmark, total 4,849 oz. 15 dwts. Also arras hangings, value 1,377*l.* [1 *page.*]

June 29. Committee for Nomination of Officers, Day's Proceedings.

Col. Rich's regiment agreed on, inserting Rob. Jones in place of Hum. Warren, Cornet Jas. Garnison in Quartermaster Watridge's, and Wm. Whittington in Garnison's.

Capt. Drury informs that he was sent down by the Protector to view Lord Lambert's regiment, on information that they were given to drink. Maj. Creed reports that Drury was dissatisfied with being turned out of the regiment, and said the Presbyterians were carrying on a design in the town, and if they prevailed, it would be very sad. Drury was a Congregationalist of Sheffield's church, and thought the Presbyterians would be hard on them if they had the power. Lambert says Drury was a captain, and took a cavalier quartermaster, and that Mr. Sheffield and Col. Hacker complained of him to his Highness, and requests that he may be employed somewhere else.

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Capt. Castle, governor of Tenby, to have the foot company there.

Capt. Wagstaffe to be captain of Combe's troop in Col. Okey's regiment, if Col. Wroth Rogers choose the government of Hereford.

Rogers to be consulted whether he will take that government or command a troop of horse.

Maj. Beake to be major to Col. Lilburne.

Sir A. Hesilrigg to report these nominations to Parliament.

John Pue to be chaplain to Col. Biscoe's regiment.

On report from the Army officers on the charge against Capt. Robinson, of Col. Berry's regiment—shewing that he has fully cleared himself of the 7 articles given in against him by Mr. Taylor, that there is no ground for dismissing him from his command, and that he is sober and fit for employment:—Order that he have his former command, and Parliament be moved to give him his commission.

Col. Mat. Alured to be captain of the Life Guard.

Cols. Alured, Overton, and Daniell to attend to-morrow morning.

Col. Ashfield's regiment read and agreed to, as passed on Monday, and to be reported to the House.

Order amending the vote of the 27th, and nominating Ludlow as Lieutenant-General of the Horse, as well as Commander-in-chief. Passed *nem. con.*

Justices of peace for Peterborough passed.

Edw. Honeywood added for Kent, and John Crew. [*I.* 127, *pp.* 33–35; *I.* 128, *pp.* 16, 17; *I.* 129, *p.* 3.]

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Orders in Parliament.

The Council of State from time to time to order the Army Committee concerning allowance of pay from assessments and other moneys for the army, or land forces or contingent charges, and for issuing and proportioning them, which orders the Army Committee Receivers-general, Treasurers-at-war, and others concerned are to observe.

The Council of State to consider the offer made by the town of Colchester, to raise a troop of horse at their own charge, and name a commander, and present him to the House for approbation.

The Great Seal Commissioners to seal such commissions, credentials, and public instruments to the plenipotentiaries and other public ministers as shall be signed by the Speaker.

Orders on report of Sir Hen. Vane from the Council of State of the ratification of the treaty at the Hague, that it be signed by the Speaker, and passed under the Great Seal.

That this House approves the proceedings of Council with the ambassador from the United Provinces, with regard to the answer from the States General.

That this House approves Council's answer to the paper delivered by the ambassador to the States General, that Mr. Downing should have credentials from Parliament to the States General, as to the

ratification of that treaty and the business of the Sound, and that the Speaker is to sign them. [*I.* 91, *pp.* 32, 36, 37.]

June 30. **48.** Order in the Council of State that the petition of the Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies, for reparation of injuries sustained in the Indies, and a free trade in all places there, with the papers annexed, be referred the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [⅔ *page.*]

[June 30.] Index entries of proceedings in Council of State. [*I.* 85.]

Act for securing 15,000*l.* to the East India Company, and how the 15,000*l.* is to be paid and disposed. [*Col.* 26.]

The proposals of [Thos.] Violet referred (*bis*). [*Col.* 79.]

[*Missing Order Book, pp.* 122–124.]

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Col. Overton called in and acquainted with the resolutions of the Committee. He says he is not so wedded to his own regiment as not to accept the Committee's pleasure, but would rather nominate some officers for the Committee's good liking, than have a new regiment. Order that he have a copy of the regiment, consider the officers, and make his objections.

Col. Alured called in and told that he is to be Captain of the Guard to Parliament. He professes willingness and fidelity, but begs not to be lessened in the rank conferred on him by Parliament, as none that were put off their command and have been restored have been lowered in rank, and he has commanded a regiment 14 years. Order that till he can be better provided for, he be Captain of the Life Guard, but with the pay of a colonel of horse.

Sir Art. Hesilrigg's regiment agreed on, but Major Tolhurst to be a captain, and Captain Topping the major.

Several appointments already made signed, and to be reported to the House.

Col. Saunders regiment agreed on. Major Smithson's troop, being filled up by Lambert, signed, and to be presented to the House.

The Commissioners of the Great Seal to consider how the justices of peace of the several counties may have speedy notice of their appointments, and the oath tendered them in convenient time, that the State's business may not be hindered.

The articles against officers of Portsmouth garrison referred to Col. Fitch, and the rest of the Committee of officers, to examine the truth of the allegations, take the proofs, and report.

In case Rogers do not choose the government of Hereford, and have the troop, Capt. Crowder to be Lieutenant to the Colonel's troop, Ward Lieutenant to Crowther's troop, Wagstaffe to have Crowther's troop, and Rogers to stand as he does.

Lieut.-Colonel Grymes, father of Major Grymes, to be considered in reference to the company that was Wagstaffe's.

The proposals of Col. John Mason, governor of Jersey, read, and the following order agreed on. Col. Mason being appointed

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governor by Parliament, considering the great importance of the place, it is thought necessary for settling affairs there that he repair speedily to the island.

Also that in regard of the great arrears of pay due to the soldiers there, the warrant for 6 weeks' pay, dated 29 April 1659, and ordered to be paid to Col. Guibon, be paid to Mason, and he empowered to take up moneys in the hands of the receiver there for pay of the soldiery.

Council to be moved to order the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a ship to transport Mason to Jersey and bring him back again, he having to return speedily, on account of the state of affairs here.

The list delivered by Fleetwood of the late yeomen of the Guard referred to Col. Fitch, and the other officers to whom petitions were referred, to consider who are deserving men and fit for employment in the army. Cols. Whetham and Cooper, Lieut.-Col. Goffe, and Major Haynes, added to the Committee.

The debate of 21 June about the Tower regiment, and the votes passed confirmed, viz. :—

Col. Thos. Fitch to be colonel, and Major Miller lieut.-colonel of the regiment.

John Man to replace Lieut. Parker.

Ensign Nath. London, to replace Ensign Young.

Ensign Rives to replace Ensign Shepherd.

The list to be reported with these alterations. [*I.* 127, *pp.* 35–39 ; *I.* 128, *pp.* 17–20.]

June 30. **49.** Bond of Sir Thos. Armstrong, of Waliva, co. Cumberland, and Phil. Armstrong, and Mat. Clifford, both of Westminster, in 1,000*l.*, that Sir Thomas shall do nothing prejudicial to the peace of the Commonwealth. [1 *page, signed and sealed.*]

June 30. **50.** Like bond of John Weston of Sutton, Surrey, Chas. Bickerstaffe, of Ficklesholes, Surrey, and Geo. Solby, of Bucklersbury, London, for Weston's good conduct. [1 *page, signed and sealed.*]

[June 30.] **51.** List of the 4 securities for the above-named persons. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

June 30. **52.** Note of the approval by Council of the said securities. [*I.* 85, *col.* 1.] *Annexing,*

52. I. *Order in Parliament for discharge of Armstrong and Weston, on their parole, and on good security given to the Council of State not to act to the prejudice of the Commonwealth,* 15 *June* 1659. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

June ? List by the Committee of Safety of officers of Col. John Desborow's regiment. [*Approved* in *Parliament* 4 *July, and printed in Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p.* 704.]

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List of Col. Thos. Sanders officers, viz.:—

Captains.	Cornets.
Col. Thos. Sanders.	Hen. Morton.
Major —— ——.	Horatio Eure.
Rob. Hope.	John Hope.
Oliver Pretty.	Abr. Pole.
Thos. Colson.	Hen. Langford.
Jas. Wright.	Thos. Bullar.
Lieutenants.	**Quartermasters.**
Capt. Puisne.	Fras. Moore.
Jas. Thorsby.	Master Pattison.
Rich. Frank.	Wm. Wentworth.
Thos. Borne.	Thos. Litchfield.
Hen. Brightman.	John Pinegar.
John Paddon.	Evan Lewis.

[*I.* 127, *p.* 40; *passed in Parliament* 4, 8, 9, *July, but list not printed.*]

June ? **53.** Petition of Edw. Hore, water-bailiff of the Severn and its branches, to the Committee for Nominating Officers for the civil list. The late King granted [me] the office of bailiff and searcher of the Severn at a rent of 10*l.* I made Leonard Welsteed steward to hold courts for conservation of the river, but he died in 1642, and during the wars, nothing could be done. In 1652 the Revenue Commissioners, on petition of the water-bailiff, appointed Jas. Adams of the Temple, and John Ashenton of St. Gregory's, stewards, who continued till Parliament was interrupted in 1653.

In 1656, on my petition to Oliver Cromwell, late Captain-General, he appointed John Nicholas of Chepstow, who acted for 1 year, but has been disabled these 2 last years. I beg you to appoint Major Salway or some other to be steward, and keep the courts. [1 *sheet.*]

June ? **54.** Petition of Kath. Byworth, widow, to the Admiralty Commissioners, for payment of 187*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* due for cartage of ammunition for the fleet from March 1658 to May 1659, for which she has an order on Mr. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer, but has received nothing, and cannot pay her servants and creditors. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

LETTERS and PAPERS relating to the NAVY, &c.

Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. May 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order that the Michael and Patrick, lately taken from the enemy and brought into Plymouth, be fitted out to sea, the Michael to be called the Coventry, and bear 110 men and 22 guns, and the Patrick the Litchfield, with 100 men and 20 guns.	Vol. 190. 64
" "	Arth. Farmer, Mayor, *Aldworth.*	"	Certificate that Jas. Smith, master's mate of the Providence of Bristol, of which Jno. Jones was master, and 3 other seamen of the same, deposed on oath before him that, in their last voyage from Bordeaux to Bristol, they were captured by Capt. Corn. Tetare, commander of an Ostend man-of-war, carried on board, and kept there as prisoners; that afterwards Jones, the master, with deponents, and two others of their company, were driven to sign a paper, copy annexed, whereby they were bound in 40*l.* to obtain the release of prisoners of the enemy therein named, lately taken and now at Plymouth, in lieu of themselves, and were then released on parole, except the said master, who was detained as a hostage.	65, 66
" 4	" - -	"	Order to make out bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 3,000*l.* a week for 4 weeks, commencing 22 March last, to be issued on the new Declaration for this next year, by orders from Majors Thomson and Bourne, and Comr. Willoughby.	67
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, of the Reserve, for 50*l.*, for his extraordinary care in managing the fleet in the Downs, when he was commander-in-chief, and for other services since 1 Jan. 1655–6.	68
" "	Barth. Hawkes -	Adm. Com.	Petition for re-admission to St. Thomas's Hospital, Southwark, and to have his pay continued; served the State at sea for 14 years, and while in the Ruby, under Capt. Holden, had his right thigh shot in pieces in an engagement with the Dutch, and has been a patient in St. Thomas's Hospital, by order of the Commissioners of Little Britain, since 2nd Feb. 1653–4, but is now turned out incurable and his pay stopped. With order to the Navy Commissioners to enter him on board some of the ships at Deptford, where he may be most useful for fitting rigging or other service.	69
" "	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends an account of the defects of the Ruby, which will not be fit for service unless all mentioned is performed, and the longer it is delayed the greater will be the charge. Mr. Dymock thinks there has been an order to remove his house, but it was respited, to try the effect of the springs near it, and as they are detrimental to it, desires a warrant for its removal; 80*l.* will defray the charge. Cannot promise much respecting the oars they require, as his workmen receive 8*s.* per 100 feet, and it is the lowest he can bring them to; will make a conditional contract that the work shall be approved of. Goodman Silly complains much of the want of money, his former contract being still unpaid. Begs an imprest of 20*l.* on account of the new crane he intends to raise next week.	70
" "	—	—	Lists of Spanish prisoners who had the pox and were turned out of Plymouth Castle on their parole to free as many Englishmen in Biscay; also of those remaining in the Castle with "the same infectious disease," and of those who are maimed, aged, sick, and otherwise unserviceable.	71, 72

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
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May 6	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill of imprest for 500*l.* to Rob. Turpin, for sick and wounded seamen -	73
" "	" - -	"	Order to send two pinnaces to Vice-Adm. Goodson before Ostend, for the use of the Speaker -	74
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy fitting and setting out of the Nantwich for service in the Channel, to bear 160 men and 36 guns.	75
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting of the Chestnut ketch at Deptford, for the service of Jamaica -	76
" "	" - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Capt. Fras. Parkes, as commander in the Great President, any order for suspension notwithstanding.	77
" "	" - -	"	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Chestnut, lately come from Jamaica, and now at Deptford.	78
" 7	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Hear from Chris. Pett that the new ship at Woolwich is mostly finished, and should be launched the first opportunity, as if she continues in the dock until the heat of the weather increases, it will open her seams and prove prejudicial, and also the tides, as the summer comes on, will be lower, which should be considered as to the safe launching a ship of so great burden. Beg a fortnight's warning of the time of her launching, that things may be the better prepared.	79
" 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy cleaning and refitting of the Dartmouth at Woolwich - - -	80
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell for 20*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*, and to Hen. Webley for 5*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, disbursed by them for the navy.	81
" 11	" - -	"	Order for building a convenient galley with oars, to tow ships in and out of the River - -	82
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Ipswich.*	Adm. Com.	Would have been glad to receive their commands concerning the old and decayed provisions, as also about the Concord's flyboat, before he left. The Wakefield has been cleaned and tallowed, and is taking in her guns and provisions at Harwich, but has been retarded by the winds and the illness of Mr. Gauden's agent. There being great complaints by the poor men at Ipswich for want of money, has been constrained to take some up to stop their mouths, the Admiralty affairs there being different to other ports, where there are a more settled and constant number of men to carry on the business, which at Ipswich often comes and goes, and so occasions payments to be made; will study to save money and facilitate the business whilst under his care.	83
" "	Christ. Pett and 3 others, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Order having been given for building a workhouse at Woolwich, for the seamen on board wages to work in, it was resolved to build it in the Ropeyard, but—on consideration of the damage that may accrue by the opportunities the seamen may have for absenting themselves, as has already been experienced, whilst there will be frequent pretences for passing through the town, to and from the Ropeyard to the dock, where the ships to which their work belongs will for the most part be, besides the advantage they and others may thereby also have to embezzle portable provisions, &c.—think it will more advance the service to have the house placed in the dockyard.	84

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1568. May 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Paradox, refitting at Portsmouth, reserving 3 months in hand, as accustomed.	Vol. 190. 85
" "	" - -	Navy Com^rs and Victualling Com^rs	Order to examine the accounts of Rich. Browne, of Pembroke, for moneys disbursed for 5 weeks' victuals and a boat for the Chestnut ketch; as also for necessaries for the Paradox, Lizard, and Kinsale, and to make out bills to him from their respective offices for the moneys due thereupon, charging the provisions supplied to the frigates on their respective officers.	86
" "	Alex. Howsden -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the cook's place in the new frigate building at Portsmouth; has served the State at sea many years, and the last 4 years in the Plymouth. With certificate by Sir Rich. Stayner.	87, 88
" 13	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	"	The Newcastle having sailed, delivered their order for Capt. Curtis to Capt. Baskett, whose frigate is in good forwardness, and will be victualled this week. The Concord has been found so rotten that there is no encouragement to repair her, but so long as they make so much use of the port for cleaning and refitting ships, it cannot be without such a vessel; has ordered her to be caulked to keep her up, that she may receive provisions and powder from the frigates, and serve occasions for 2 or 3 months, in which time they may consider of some other fit vessel in her room.	89
" 14	Capt. Roger Cuttance.	Navy Com^rs	Was ordered to Whitehall to attend Gen. Montague, who is suddenly going out in the Naseby, and who appointed him to chose a ketch to attend his ship; has approved of a new one built by Jonas Shish, the owners of which will submit to the usual allowance for freight.	90
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have several tickets daily brought in to be signed from small vessels and brigantines now at Jamaica, of which they had no knowledge until lately, by letters from Cornelius Burroughs, general steward of the fleet; by virtue of their order of 29 Aug. last, have signed and allowed for 5 of them, but have declined passing the tickets of 4 others, until they are approved of as being employed in the service of the State.	91
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting of the Naseby to bear 500 men, the Swiftsure 350, Lamport and Bridgwater 260 each, and Expedition 130.	92
" "	" - -	"	Order to hire and provide for 2 ketches to attend the Richard and Swiftsure in the ensuing expedition.	93
" "	" - -	"	Order for launching the 2nd-rate ship lately built at Woolwich next spring tide, and naming her the Richard; also for her speedy fitting forth for service in the Channel, certifying what number of men and guns she should bear, and the day when she will be launched. With their reply, 15 May, that they have sent warrants for launching the new 2nd-rate ship, and will acquaint them with the day fixed as soon as they hear from Mr. Pett. As she is equivalent to the London, she ought to bear 350 men and 66 guns.	94, 95

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658.				Vol. 190.
May 15	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to hire the Seaflower ketch, belonging to Hen. Dawes, to attend the Newberry in the ensuing expedition.	96
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Has put the Naseby and Langport in hand, and will get them ready for their victuals by Monday week, and give notice to the Victualling Commissioners for ordering it down; asks what proportion is to be appointed to each.	97
" "	Capt. Ant. Earning	Adm. Com.	Certificate that Peirs Johns served well as lieutenant of the Bridgwater, and is fit for employment.	98
" "	" "	"	Certificate in favour of Elias Cooper, boatswain of the Bridgwater frigate - - -	99
" 17	Navy Comrs. - -	"	On examining the accounts of Gilbert Cornelius, there was nothing to lead them but his own affirmation, there being no attestation to any of them, but merely a certificate of Vice-Adm. Goodson that 3 fines were disposed of by his order, but for what is not stated; so that all they can say is that he alleges his account stands as in the latter page of his book: with balance sheet that 34*l.* 10*s.* was received in fines from persons named, by order of Court Martial, 17*l.* 6*s.* thereof disbursed, and 17*l.* 4*s.* remaining; and certificate by Edm. Hooke, 10 May, that the fines of Edw. Philpot, gunner of the Portland, Thos. Trotman, master of the Golden Falcon, and Geo. Spilsby, boatswain of the Falmouth, amounting to 17*l.* 6*s.*, were issued under the hand of Gilbert Cornelius, by order of Vice-Adm. Goodson.	100–102
" "	" - -	"	It is now resolved to launch the new ship Richard on Tuesday week - - - -	103
" "	Christ. Pett, Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Received their warrant for launching the new 2nd-rate ship the next spring tide, which will be next Monday, which will be a very short time, Wednesday being appointed as a day of humiliation in the country. There are provisions to be taken in, and most of the men on the works of the Diamond will have to be taken off, and she will be launched much unfinished in her carving, works, and garnishing, although the carver has been importuned for several months to dispatch them, but he pleaded his own and his men's sickness; the joiner and painter have also been hindered thereby. If the launching is deferred to the following spring tide, on June 7th, she will then be fitter for launching and receiving her provisions and sea stores; she will lie less time in the river, and the Swiftsure and Bridgwater can more conveniently be sent lower down out of her way. If notwithstanding it shall be thought fit to keep to the time prefixed, desire notice.	104
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Sends the storekeeper's account of provisions delivered to Mr. Toogood, also a warrant given to the storekeeper to keep him within the 50*l.*; fears the work will not answer his promise or their expectation. He is guilty of his own weakness in undertaking what he could not go through with. The Naseby and Lamport are put in hand, and will be ready for their victuals by to-morrow week. Wishes the Plymouth had been appointed in room of the Lamport, as she only wants graving.	105

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. May 17	John Paige, *Plymouth.*	Jas. Grear	Capt. Hatsell cannot himself release a prisoner in exchange, but address must be made to the Navy Commissioners, who have record of all prisoners, and none are exchanged or released but by their appointment; your friend, on procuring their order, will take a receipt of him that is freed in exchange for Mr. Chambers, and supply him with 5*s.*	Vol. 190. 106
„ 18	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Sir Rich. Stayner for his pay, &c., as rear-admiral of the fleet on the coast of Spain, from 16 Oct. 1656 to the time the Speaker was paid off; also as rear-admiral of the fleet in the Channel, from 4 Sept. 1657 to the time he left the London, after the rate of 20*s.* a day, captain's pay being included.	107
„ „	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Indian and Golden Falcon, lately returned from Jamaica.	108
„ „	Ralph Heather -	—	Certificate that, by order of the Navy Commissioners, he has viewed 5 coils of ropes of 12 cwt., lately seized at the house of Edw. Hassard, a seaman in Horsleydown Stairs, on suspicion of having been embezzled, and carried to the stores at Deptford, and finds they were wrought and made by him as ropemaker at Gosport, and were sold by him to Hassard last Feb.	109
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	In preparing for launching the second-rate ship, has been forced to take off all the hands at work on the Diamond; but if it is fully determined to have her launched, then asks an order for sending down 60 men from Deptford Yard, that he may return some to work on the Diamond. Wanted to defer the launching, to have her better garnished as to her carved works, which are much behind, as also that she might be cleaner when she sails out of the river; hopes to have all ready on Monday, unless Tuesday shall be thought more convenient as to the company that will attend; fears the spring tide may then be too far spent.	110
„ 19	Wm. Wood, Brian Harrison, Henry Rostle.	—	Certificate that on 27 April last, the Hopeful Mary, while on a voyage to Newcastle, was surprised and taken by a Dunkirk man-of-war, and Edw. Jolly, the master, Thos. Dingley, master's mate, with the carpenter and two others, were carried prisoners to Ostend, where they remain in a very sad condition, by reason of the wounds received in fights, and that they have all children, who must perish unless they are ransomed.	111
„ 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Thos. Lambe, minister of the Nantwich, for 5*l.* on account of his pay.	112
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Chas. Longland for 2,963*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*, for the like value furnished by him to Capt. Stoakes at Leghorn, according to his bill of exchange sent. With note by Capt. Stoakes, 2 April 1658, that the above sum was the remainder of the credit given him by the Protector and Council, for the use of the fleet under his command.	113, 114
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Jno. Powell, messenger to the Admiralty Commissioners, for 40*l.*, to be disbursed by him according to orders.	115

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. May 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order that, as a great part of the 295*l.* imprested to Rich. Creed, deputy treasurer to the fleet, on account of contingencies, has been disbursed on the service of Mardike, which does not immediately concern the fleet, they examine such disbursements, and for what they find has been expended by order of the Generals for the public service relating to such affairs, they are to make out a bill, abating the imprest.	Vol. 190. 116
" "	Lord Edw. Montague, *Whitehall.*	"	Requested that no surgeon might be appointed for the Naseby without his privity, and now desires that the bills for the usual allowance granted to ships of her rate may be either sent to the master of the Company of Surgeons, or delivered to the bearer, Jas. Pearse, that he may speedily prepare for the present expedition.	117
" "	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Great President, Cascales Road.*	"	The Preston and Fagon having lost their masts, sails, and rigging, on the coast by foul weather, were necessitated to go to Lisbon, where Jno. Rede supplied their wants, which amounted to 664*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, and which he has charged on them, payable to Alderman Martin Noel at 20 days' sight. Will send the account and particulars.	118
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Will hasten out the Naseby and take in her provisions on Saturday, if they arrive, and desires they will see them sent down, as also those mentioned in a demand enclosed.	119
" 21	" "	Adm. Com.	Has graved, tallowed, and launched the Naseby, but not without difficulty; she has taken in 150 tons of ballast, and will heave in her beer, &c., on Monday. If men are not wanting—there are not 100 as yet entered—she and the Langport may sail next week.	120
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect. Desires supply of necessaries stated - - - - -	121
" 23	Rich. Lockwood, Nich. Pendarves, Lodovick Butler.	Adm. Com.	Send copy of a bond given to Capt. Adrian Cootes, of the St. Antoine de Padua of Ostend, on their being taken by him at sea in the Samuel of London, and released on parole, either to effect the exchange of 22 Ostend prisoners in England for themselves and the rest of their company, being the same number, or to surrender themselves as prisoners at Ostend.	122
" "	Cuthbert Bembridge, boatswain of the *Paradox.*	"	Petition for removal into a better ship, his salary being very small, as the ship is made 6th-rate. Has served 6 years. With certificate by Capts. Chas. Thorowgood, Jno. Tippetts, and 3 others.	123, 124
" 24	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, the *London, Downs.*	Navy Com^rs	The cables sent for the London are too small; desires they may be exchanged. Wants 6 compasses.	125
" 25	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Lord Montague for 1,000*l.* on account of his pay, &c., as one of the generals of the fleet.	126

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1658.				Vol. 190.
May 25	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to take up a ketch extraordinary to attend the Naseby during the time of her fitting and manning, for the better expediting thereof.	127
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorow-*Portsmouth.*	Fras. Wil-loughby, Navy Com^r	Mr. Barton having attended about his cordage, surveyed it with Mr. Leverett, and finds there are 2 tons, in coils of 3½ inches, whereof ½ a ton is Holland yarn, and the rest French and Russian; there are also 2 tons in tar of Holland yarn not yet laid; if the whole is taken into the stores, there will be 5 tons, half Holland and the other Russian and French; will receive none but what is well wrought. Has written the Admiralty Commissioners concerning the Old Warwick, which has to be pumped daily or she would make 5 feet of water, and as she is a charge to the State, both for ground tackle and 2 men to look after her, suggests that her ballast be taken out, and she laid ashore and sunk, as she would then receive no harm. Wants scoops, having had to use buckets. The Paradox has sailed for Spithead, and the Essex for the Downs.	128
„ 26	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Having taken cold coming home, cannot come to London; desires they will encourage the labourers who contracted for cleaning the dock, as they pay many poor men under them, by letting them have a bill for 100*l.*; before they recover it, they will be ready for more; would be glad to be out of the dirt, which makes him move in their behalf.	129
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Woolwich.*	Adm. Com.	Launched the Richard this morning safely; she draws 15 feet 2 in. abaft and 15 feet 4 in. before, swims upright, and gave not the least keel in her launching. Desires they will acquaint Lord Montague when he comes to Whitehall, and that the Naseby may sail this week.	130
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect. Is going for Chatham, where he will expect seamen for the Naseby - -	131
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkin-son, the *Weymouth pink, Leith Road.*	„	Left several of the fishermen that came on their second voyage, the 14th inst., and went to Leith, where he received order from Gen. Monk to tallow and victual for 10 weeks, and then return to his station. Having 26 sick men, intends to discharge the greater part, by advice of the General, and gain more; has been very sick himself with a fever, The Elias and Warwick have been seen off Buffon Ness, with the convoys, and the Norwich has arrived in the Forth.	132
„ 27	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires the demand enclosed may be supplied from London. Has treated with several chandlers for tallow, and may be furnished at 42s. per cwt. or under for ready money, but they will not deal otherwise, pretending great losses in times past; as there is none in store, will leave it to their consideration how soon there may be occasion for it, and how they will be supplied.	133
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	—	Order appointing Jno. Gollop minister of the Diamond, and that he repair on board, officiate according to the duties of his place, and receive the usual allowance of wages and diet.	134

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1658. May 28	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Sir Thos. Vyner for 50*l.*, and take up 2 bills of exchange for payment of the like sum to Capt. Gervase Harestaffe at York, for maintenance of Spanish prisoners there.	Vol. 190. 135
" "	" - -	"	Capt. Hatsell having reported that the surgeon for the Lichfield not arriving on board when she was about to sail, they were forced to put another in his place, they are to take care, in case any moneys have been imprested to the former surgeon on account of his chest, that the same may be secured for the benefit of the State.	136
"	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The Naseby is waiting a wind to sail to Queenborough, to take in the remainder of her provisions; the Langport is taking in hers, and will soon be ready to sail.	137
" "	J. Pitt, the *Speaker, Dunkirk.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends his tickets, which have been crossed, but for what reason he knows not, being such a distance from his former ship; desires the money due thereon may be paid to the bearer.	138
" 29	Griffin Hoskins -	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of a written ticket for his services in the Paul in the West Indies, whence he came home in the Indian. With order to the Navy Commissioners for payment, although not printed, if believed to be genuine.	139
" "	Peter Graves and 5 other mariners of the *Cagway* prize.	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of the written tickets given them for their services in Jamaica. With order to the Navy Commissioners for the same, if there be no other obstacle than that they are not printed.	140
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make allowance of the wages due to officers and mariners, according to an establishment enclosed, made by the late Lieut.-Gen. Brayne, and received from Cornelius Burroughs, general steward to the fleet at Jamaica, of the number of officers and men to be borne upon 6 small vessels named, taken from the enemy, and employed at Jamaica, and to pass such tickets as were granted them, notwithstanding they are not printed.	141, 142
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to 6 seamen named, formerly belonging to the Ruby, any order for stoppage notwithstanding.	143
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Victualling Office.*	"	Wrote the agent at Portsmouth as to what ships could be had there for transporting 500 men's victuals, amounting to 200 tons stowage; he advised that there were only two small vessels, of 20 or 30 tons each, in harbour, and that he did not know when any would arrive fit for that service, and that the furnishing of such a large proportion of victuals from that port would require some time.	144

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1658. May 29	Ralph Foot - -	Adm. Com.	Articles against Capt. Robt. Kirby, commander of the Ruby; *viz.*, that in 1656, he took a small ship having several jars of wine, part whereof were allotted to his company, who sold several bottles amongst themselves at 1s. each; that in May 1657, he met 3 Flemish ships bound for Santa Cruz with provisions and goods for the enemy, which he boarded, took out some of their goods, and conveyed the ships so near the enemy that he was fired upon; and that he is not fit to have command, having been several times drunk, both on board and on shore. With examinations of the master and other officers of the Ruby, as to his taking articles of clothing out of some ships after the fight at Santa Cruz, and applying them to his own use; being drunk in Lagos Bay, and falling from the quarter deck on to the shoulders of Jno. Fort, a corporal, and injuring him; as also for being drunk at other places and using profane language. Also notes of the examination of Capt. Kirby, admitting that he and his officers took apparel out of ships having no bills of lading, which was not plunder but prize, and of which he acquainted Gen. Blake and Mr. Hempson, who gave no directions therein; denies that he was ever drunk or used abusive language.	Vol. 190. 145, 146
„ 31	Dan. Furzer, *Lidney*	Navy Com^rs	Being much pressed for want of money, both for his own relief and to pay debts due to workmen and others, desires some speedy course may be taken, or otherwise he will not be able to subsist, being amongst a sort of people not very free to countenance a public good. Asks what to do, and how he will be supplied from time to time, for managing the business of bringing the timber down from the woods, as it is impossible to go on without supply.	147
„ „	Wm. Rowden, *Cawood.*	Robt. Thomson, *Navy Office.*	Having bought 20 pieces of ship canvas, of 32 yards each and ¾ of a yard wide, which is of two sorts, fit for top and lower sails, and as good as any Holland duck, can deliver it at Hull for 50*s.* a bolt, which is not 19*d.* a yard; if approved, will ship it at once, so that it may be tried, but if not it can be used where it is; an ancient canvas weaver from Ipswich commends it as far above Ipswich or French canvas. The last hemp shipped from Hull for London was 18 packs from Thos. Coates, junr., and 17 from Saml. Stanfield; hopes they have arrived.	148
May ?	Gilbert Cornelius, Judge-Advocate to the naval forces in Jamaica.	Navy Com^rs	Petition for allowance for his services, and command of a vessel. By his faithful service for 13 months, brought offenders against the laws of war to condign punishment, by which several sums were paid into the contingencies, and embezzlements prevented. With certificate in his favour by Vice-Adm. Goodson, 12 July 1656.	149, 150
„ „	Fras. Cooper - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the release of 3 Flemish prisoners named at Canterbury, in exchange for Jas. Steel, master of the Volantine of Sole, and himself, who were taken by an Ostender, and carried to Rotterdam, and thence to Ostend, where they lay in misery a long time, until petitioner received the enclosed pass from the Admiralty at Dunkirk, to come to England to effect such exchange, two of the prisoners being for his master, and the other for himself.	151

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1658.				Vol. 191.
June 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to take up in the Thames as many fit vessels as will transport 500 soldiers to Mardike, at reasonable terms, and if any of the owners are unwilling to let them to freight, to impress and take them up, and have them ready to receive the men on board next Thursday. In case the ships so taken up cannot come to Tower Wharf to take in the soldiers, order to provide boats, hoys, and barges to receive the men at Tower Wharf, and carry them on board. Also to direct the masters of the ships to sail to Mardike Pitts, dispose of the men according to orders from the commander-in-chief of the English forces there, and to agree with the masters and owners to accommodate the soldiers with victuals in their passage at reasonable rates, or otherwise to provide victuals and send it with them; they are to send an account of moneys disbursed therein to Wm. Jessop, who will take care for satisfying the same.	1
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Rich. Nutt, Edw. Golling, and Wm. Bromage, for 100*l.* on account of 500 watermen able for sea, whom they are to impress for the fleet.	2
" "	Thos. Pitt, *Exeter* -	Col. Jno. Clerke, *Whitehall.*	Having been called to a settlement at New Ross on the Waterford River, will take farewell of England in 14 days; for the greater security of himself and children, intends going from Barnstaple to Milford Haven, and there taking passage in one of the State's ships appointed to guard the Irish coast; but as there may be some demur, desires an order to one of the captains there to transport him and the few things he has to Waterford, and to send a reply to him at Exeter. Desired his cousin Pley to request this favour, but has not heard from him.	3
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Has been prevented getting to sea by bad weather and the wind blowing right into the Sound. Is under sail, but fears he will be forced to anchor again; will take the first opportunity, as there is neither credit nor profit where he is.	4
" 2	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	All the gudgeons of the Maidstone except the uppermost having broke while she was riding in the Roads in the late storm, was forced to transfer the 240 soldiers to the Amity, and send her with them to Mardike and order the Maidstone to Harwich.	5
" "	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Vice-Adm. Goodson will have given an account of the disaster to the Maidstone on 12 March, while at anchor off Ostend, by striking 4 or 5 times on a bank in a heavy sea, which shook her quarters, and raised her rudder 2 inches. The Vice-Admiral caused a survey to be made by several commanders and carpenters of the fleet, who concluded she was still serviceable, and no defect was found save in her rudder until the 31st ultimo, when being in a storm, the violence of the sea broke all the gudgeons of the rudder, except the uppermost, and made her unserviceable. Major Burton has given orders thereon.	6
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	Hopes his sad disaster will be quickly repaired, and as he must haul on shore, desires orders at Harwich, as also for his revictualling, having only 3 weeks' left. Asks leave to come to London for 2 or 3 days; there shall be no neglect in the refitting during his absence.	7

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June 2	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a demand from Lord Montague, who desires the things may be hastened down. The timber and plank in the stores grow less, and as Mr. Maplesden will trust no more, and others are afraid, they may judge the condition they will speedily be reduced to, if money is not forthwith provided. Particulars of ships.	8
,, ,,	Wm. Sedgwick, *Fulham.*	Major N. Bourne.	Recommends the petition of Eliz. Weaver, and desires he will assist her in obtaining what she seeks, believing it is her right, and unjustly detained from her; she is an object fit for compassion.	9
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Ensign Rich. Elton for 5*l.* 19*s.*, for Wm. Blaydes at Hull, disbursed by him for necessaries for the Assurance.	10
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Edw. Allen for 3,000*l.*, to be issued for discharge of debts remaining due for provisions on the last year's old declaration.	11
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to the same for 3,000*l.* a week for 4 weeks, commencing 19 April last, to be issued by him for carrying on of the victualling on the new declaration for this year.	12
,, 3	,, - -	,,	Order to hire 6 small vessels or billanders in the river, carrying 20 or 30 men each, and of small draught of water, to lie within the shore; to agree with the owners for their freight monthly, and certify what number of men and guns each will carry, that order may be taken for supplying them. With their reply, 4 June, that there are no such vessels to be had in the Thames, only the Hunter belonging to the State, which is at Deptford, and will not draw about 3 or 4 inches over 5 feet, and is now refitting; also the Raven, which will draw 6 feet, and may be soon fitted, if order is sent.	13, 14
,, ,,	,, - -	,, and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to Hen. Careless, late carpenter of the Dunbar, any former suspension notwithstanding.	15
,, ,,	Mary, widow of Thos. Vernon.	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of 10 tickets given her husband,—who was late master of the Convertine, and many years an officer in the State's vessels—by seamen named, on account of their pay, for necessaries supplied to them by him, which being left unsatisfied at his decease, she and her family are in great want. With order to the Navy Commissioners to examine the tickets, and if they appear true and just, to order payment, petitioner giving security to indemnify the State from double payments, or any further demands.	16
,, ,,	Robt. Castle, late lieutenant of the *Indian.*	,,	Petition for payment of 13 tickets bought by him of seamen at Jamaica, for their relief, which the Navy Commissioners will not pass without order of the Admiralty Commissioners, and his whole fortune of that voyage consists on those tickets. With like order to the Navy Commissioners.	17
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Delivered their warrant to the Victualling Agent, and when the Fame arrives, will give her all dispatch. The Nonsuch is still detained at Spithead by the bad weather. Will lay the Warwick on shore and discharge the men.	17*a*

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. June 3	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Fras. Willoughby.	Last evening, appointed the Blossom now at Deptford and ready to sail, for 350, and the Eagle of Yarmouth for the rest [of the soldiers] but never saw any of the officers until now. It was midnight before he could fix everything. Desires he will hasten down the provisions, and if any of the officers come to the office before his arrival, give them directions for sending their men on board.	Vol. 191. 18
" "	Capt. Peter Bowen, the *Bradford, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed all the vessels bound northwards, as also those for Leith. Being off the South Forth, and not able to maintain his course, was forced into Leith Road, where he received an order enclosed from Gen. Monk, to take charge of all the vessels there bound for London. Next day, 26 May, set sail, leaving the Norwich and Weymouth pink in the Road, and has ever since been plying towards Yarmouth roads, where he has just arrived. Will hasten back to his station.	19, 20
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Mr. Maplesden, the purveyor, having laid down his employment, they are beginning to want all sorts of timber and plank in the Yard; there is not much to be had in the country fit for the service, and what has been felled this year is in Maplesden's hands. As he is willing the State should have the refusal of it, on terms specified, considering its extraordinary quality, and the prices so reasonable that none will offer the like, desires they will consider of it, being of pressing necessity. If his proposals are not accepted, they cannot expect either a continuance of the repair of the navy at Chatham or the setting to sea of many more ships. Wishes the 700*l.* due to Maplesden might be paid, and that he might have an imprest of 500*l.* to buy some bargains; or if not, that they would entertain him as their other purveyors, which if refused, he will not be ambitious of offering himself again. Desires they will so effectually represent this to the Admiralty Commissioners as that there may be some satisfactory answer.	21
" "	Merriam Randall -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the release of Jacob Farwell and 3 other seamen belonging to the St. Peter of Ostend, prisoners in Chelsea College, in exchange for her husband, Geo. Randall, and 3 others belonging to the Speaker, who were taken in their boats, and put in prison at Ostend, where they lie in sad misery and want. With letter from Geo. Randall to his wife 22 May, that he and 66 more seamen of the Speaker were taken on the 4th ultimo, and are now in prison at Ostend, and in a naked condition, have nothing to supply their wants, and are all sickly through bad smells and vermin; but they have sent their names to the Vice-Admiral, and are in hopes of being cleared. Also certificate by Jno. Stainforth, deputy-marshal, that the Ostend seamen named in the petition are prisoners in Chelsea College.	22–24
" "	Major Robt. Thomson, Col. Fras. Willoughby, *Victualling Office.*	"	Understanding they intend sending victuals from Portsmouth to Plymouth, and knowing the necessity there is for doing so forthwith, desire their orders what is to be sent, and directions to their agent for shipping it. Have ordered him to have it ready, and hope they will appoint a convoy.	25

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1658.				Vol. 191.
June 3	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is sending a month's provisions to the Bryer at Spithead; the Lark has arrived there to re-victual and clean. The deputy-governor has sent to know what frigate is ready, having received order from his Highness to transport some men to Mardike; has detained the Bryer until further orders, as she is the most fit for that purpose.	26
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	Robt. Blackborne.	Among the men who were betrayed at Ostend was Peter Harris of Dover, master of a bark, who has a wife and 7 children residing there. At request of his wife, wrote Jacques Hoys, the postmaster at Flanders, to endeavour to clear him, and he would also try to get an Ostend prisoner cleared and sent over in exchange. Harris having been since cleared and sent over in the packet boat, in exchange for Joris De Sorger, a common seaman and prisoner in Chelsea College,—which was a work of charity, as Harris and his family are very poor,—desires he will obtain an order from the Admiralty Commissioners for De Sorger's release, so that he may return home immediately according to his promise. As Hoys has, at White's request, let 2 or 3 others come over on parole, if De Sorger is quickly sent over, he may again use his interest with him for clearing some of the Vice-Admiral's men, which he will do with all speed. Desires he will move the Admiralty Commissioners for payment of his arrears for the last two quarters, 1,844*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*	27
" 4	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Gave their inclosure to a North Sea fisher, to carry to Capt. Bevans. The convoy for Iceland by Midsummer will do very well; thanks them for it, on behalf of the Iceland Adventurers, as also for sending the Fame, as he much wanted her. The Eaglet ketch is sent back to her station, but draws too much water, as the enemy draw very little water, 5 or 6 feet at most, and run over the sands. The Pearl has not yet arrived. Capt. Holland wants order to revictual. Will draw his bill on the victuallers.	28
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Lord Montague went on board the Naseby at Blackstakes near Queenborough last Wednesday; left him on board to-day, on his way to the Nore, whence she will sail to-morrow, if men are not wanting. The Langport has orders to sail from Chatham to-morrow, but fears the captain will have to wait in the Hope or Lee Road for men, not having 100 entered.	29
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol*	"	Having furnished Dan Furzer with 100*l.* as ordered, for which he has given a bill of exchange on them, payable by the Commissioners of Customs, desires they will cause it to be paid.	30
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Received theirs between 6 and 7 a.m., and imparted the contents to the officers of the 3 companies on the place, and consulted Capts. Parker and Lardge how many they could take, which was 100 each; as there were 250, hired another vessel to carry the remainder for 20*l.* Has informed the deputy governor that the vessel will be ready to take them in to-morrow, as also the two frigates. He said their major has gone to provide himself, and that as money would be ready to-morrow for the soldiers, they would all be shipped by Monday or Tuesday.	31, 32

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1658.				Vol. 191.
June 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting of the Hunter for service, to carry 30 men and 6 guns - -	33
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Has had the Hunter hauled on shore to be tallowed and fitted for service at Dunkirk, and she will be ready for her provisions and men by Monday. Her draught is as little as the 6 new vessels lately built, and she will sail light and well with a month's victuals, which will be enough for the present.	34
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Mr. Ellis, the sailmaker at Chatham, having 1,000*l.* due to him, and having only received 150*l.* these 18 months, is reduced to such straights that he is like to be undone, and unable to carry on the service, if some speedy course be not taken to supply him with part of what is due. Commiserating his condition, entreats that some of his bills may be paid.	35
" 6	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Finds that they have not received his letter of the 4th instant, stating that the Nantwich and Expedition had sailed, and that the Swiftsure and Bridgwater were come down, but he could not give an account of the number of their men, not having received their books from Woolwich to muster by; the Expedition having sailed on the 4th for Yarmouth Roads, and the purser of the Richard being at London, returns their letters. Chris. Seckley, the waterman by whom he sent the letter, says he was taken sick at Billingsgate, and sent the letter by a porter. Desires that for the future Mr. White may be ordered to send his letters up; will otherwise be forced to trust to watermen, who are not always within compass of a tide, and at best very uncertain. Mustered 366 men on the Swiftsure, 232 on the Bridgwater, and 144 on the Richard, and intends discharging the serviceable supernumeraries on the Swiftsure to the Richard and Bridgwater, who will probably sail to-morrow.	36
" 7	Wm. Swyer and 5 others.	—	Certificate that Rob. Clarke is a careful and able seaman, and fit to be employed as a shipmaster.	37
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has sent the Vulture as convoy to Col. Biscoe's foot company, which shipped yesterday, and doubts not but they landed by 7 this morning at Mardike. Has not a man-of-war left to do anything. Capt. Thomson has arrived, and if the Pearl comes in, will ship the soldiers in her, and send them over. The prisoners he wrote about are still in prison at Ostend. Capt. Duck is coming up as pilot of a vessel, to wait upon them.	38
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	Never sent a bill of lading with the hemp sent in the Hopewell of Hull, but desired that the storekeeper at Woolwich might have order to take up the hemp, so that the master might not lose his time in coming up to the office for orders. The man employed to buy the hemp says it stood him in 3*s.* 5*d.* per stone of 14 lbs., and now it may be bought at 2*s.* 8*d.* a stone, with some petty charges. Can deliver good English cordage at 30*s.* per cwt., and if they want Holland cordage, no man shall supply them cheaper or better; they never had better than he delivered last year, and he can do it at 40*s.* a cwt. for a quantity. There is a piece of a great mast, supposed to be the Laurel's, come on shore at Coathy, for which he is offered 30*s.* It would be better to sell it, and save the charge of bringing it to Yarmouth.	39

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1658.				Vol. 191.
June 7	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Mr. Pett and Capt. Taylor have presented the sad condition of Mr. Maplesden, who has engaged and sold his estate for payment of timber bought for the State, and being unable to go any further, has laid down his employment, which is a great prejudice to the service, as he always buys the best bargains, and is punctual in paying, although with his own money. Desire that he may have the 700*l.* appointed for him, and that for the future he may be settled, as the other purveyors are, at 60*l.* a year and his charges borne, which he well deserves.	40
" "	" - -	"	Last March they contracted with Edw. Wood for 125 tons of Riga and Queenborough hemp, at 46*l.* per ton, ½ to be paid within 3 months of delivery and the remainder 3 months after; or if he should be required to deliver it sooner, he was to have bills of imprest proportionable to the quantity of hemp delivered. As his first payment, amounting to 2,875*l.*, was due on the 3rd instant, and his debt is so great in the navy, he is unwilling to deliver his goods unless the contract be made good; desire that this may be done, they having occasion for the hemp, and he being the first that contracted with them for this year's hemp.	41
" "	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Tynemouth Bar.*	"	Being on shore with Major Tallis and the governor of Tynemouth Castle, was informed of 100 more soldiers which they had received order to ship with the rest; hopes to do so to-morrow. The wind is so high that he is forced to keep on board, and lie off and on at sea, otherwise would have sent a fuller account. As he has only a fortnight's provisions left, desires order for cleaning and revictualling.	42
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston*, *Plymouth Sound.*	"	Came in for orders, and brought in a ship from Amsterdam bound for Guinea, having several goods on board, but no bills of lading, charter party, or letters of advice. It appears, by a commission from the Spanish king, that the merchant is a native of Flanders, and that he is empowered to trade to the Spanish Islands in the West Indies and other places, and there are also several letters for the Canaries, &c. There being several merchant ships at Plymouth bound for New England and other places, intends to convoy them as far the remainder of his provisions will allow, and then return for directions.	43
" "	Robt. Willis, diver, *Harwich.*	"	Has not yet recovered any guns through the rough weather, but has hopes, having felt 2 or 3 in the sands, the raising of which depends upon a calm. Having but 12 days' provisions left, if they will order him 2 or 3 months' more, will take every opportunity to accomplish the business; is willing to spend the summer therein, notwithstanding the enemy and other casualties.	44
" 8	Jno. Homer, Edw. Pinchback, and Thos. Howman.	"	Petition for payment of their tickets for services on board several ships in the West Indies, from whence they have lately returned in the Indian, and on presenting their tickets at the Navy Office, payment was refused because they were written and not printed. With order to the Navy Commissioners for payment, if there is no other obstacle.	45
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to the Ordnance officers for 500*l.*, payable out of the moneys received for Mardike, charging it as an imprest on the account of the Ordnance officers.	46

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1658. June 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make such allowance for the hire and freight of Cuthbert Embleton's ketch, taken up by Capt. Cuttance for the use of Lord Montague of the Naseby, while on the Flemish coast, as is allowed to Mr. Parker for his ketch, although no contract has been made for her hire.	Vol. 191. 47
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill for 500*l.* to Rob. Turpin, for sick and wounded seamen - - -	48
" "	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Leith Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed a fleet of 21 sail from the Forth, bound for Norway and the Sound, and having seen them to their ports, met another laden fleet bound for Newcastle and London, and would have seen them to the Roads, but was separated from them by a storm off Flamborough Head, and did not gain the Scotch coast for 2 days after. Has given Gen. Monk an account, and is now waiting for a month's provisions and orders.	49
" "	Capt. Rowl. Bevans, *Convert, Yarmouth.*	"	Has been guarding the fishermen in the North Seas, who got their voyage and went home, since which 13 Foreland men and 30 others of Yarmouth have come out on a second voyage, but his provisions being almost expended, he could not continue with them, and has ordered Capt. Wilkinson to take care of them; they lie in a very scattered posture. Will proceed to Leith as ordered.	50
" "	Customs' Commissioners, *Custom House, London.*	"	Anth. Phipp and Wm. Bromage, two of their deputies, having seized a wherry coming from the Richard, or some other of the State's ships in the river, with 20 cwt. of cordage, and also seized 2 doz. blocks in the house of the waterman who rowed the wherry, and lives in Horsleydown, have been advised to proceed against the same in the Admiralty Court, where if condemned unclaimed, the State will get half, and the seizers the rest. Proceedings should be taken for prevention thereof, as on the officers' receiving some encouragement for their diligence and service, the goods may be freed and delivered into the possession of the State. With reference thereon, 10 June, by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners to carry out these suggestions, and to take examinations as to who were privy to the embezzlement, and secure them in prison that they may be brought to trial.	51, 52
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	"	The Maidstone having come in to repair her rudder, and having been off the ground 3 months, has directed her to be tallowed. Has sent their order to the victualling agent at Ipswich, but thinks it strange he should be asked so frequently to send to quicken him; has nothing to do with him or Ipswich, which is 10 miles off, and has not seen him for the last 3 months. If provisions of victuals were made at Harwich instead of at Ipswich, the ships waiting for it would not be so much hindered by its being continually detained in coming down by winds and weather; if the agent is found dull, he should be quickened from those who have dominion over him.	53

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1658.				Vol. 191.
June 8	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Yesterday and to-day 76 watermen impressed for the Swiftsure appeared; has entered them on board the Richard, although many are but indifferent seamen and of small growth, and few have brought their clothes. 7 were appointed on board the Swiftsure before she sailed from the Hope, but 6 of them were discharged; after she was gone, told Sir Rich. Stayner he intended to enter such as came down and proved able on board his ship, with which he agreed, but did not desire to be troubled with any that were not. Since then Sir Richard has sent word that he has received order to enter all watermen that appear, although they be supernumeraries. Desires an order for this, that he may issue warrants to the harbour victualler for their provisions. Mustered 291 men to-day, 62 being absent.	54
" "	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Harwich.*	"	Came in on the 5th instant, and has taken out all the guns and ballast and hauled on shore, but does not find any other defect but what is in the rudder irons; Mr. Grassingham is making all speed and expects to have the rudder rehung to-night; as soon as he has received the provisions ordered, will make all haste to the Flemish Roads.	55
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Has shipped the 3 companies of soldiers, being upwards of 250 men including officers, and expects they will sail in 3 hours, there being a fine westerly gale. A ship, supposed to be the Adventurer, has just come to anchor; when the Preston, Sorlings, and Forester arrive, will give them all dispatch.	56
" 9	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Gave the Convert their order to victual at Leith, and 500 lbs. of bread to carry her thither. Hearing the Pearl was to take in the soldiers at Tynemouth Haven yesterday, will expect her to-morrow, and will then ship them in the Expedition for Mardike. Is much afraid of the Yarmouth North Sea fishers, as many of the enemies' frigates have gone northward, either for the North Sea or Iceland fleet. Wishes Dunkirk were taken, so that another frigate might be sent to Iceland.	57
" "	Capt. Jo. Copping, the *Langport, Hope.*	"	Is waiting for men; had 90 Chatham labourers to bring him down, as he had not 100 seamen entered, and not half of them fit to carry to sea. Having received order from the General to follow him with all expedition, desires they will send him a press warrant, as also the men promised, being otherwise fully equipped and ready to sail.	58
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Hopes they will send to-day the order requested about watermen, supposing there will be many supernumeraries on board, and many watermen being expected down; also an order for victualling such shipwrights, caulkers, joiners, and other extra men as are employed for finishing the work. The caulkers having finished, the Langport has come into the Hope.	59
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	To the same effect as the above, and his letter of yesterday - - - - -	60
" 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Sir Rich. Stayner for 300*l.*, to be carried by him into the Flemish Road, on board the Naseby, on account of contingencies for the fleet under Gen. Montague, and to be delivered by him to Rich. Creed, deputy-treasurer of the fleet, who is to disburse the same according to orders from Lord Montague; the same to be placed as an imprest on Creed's account.	61

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1658. June 10	Thos. Milton	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Victualling Commissioners to allow his vouchers, so that he may receive his wages as purser of the Paragon and lieutenant of the Swiftsure, as he has suddenly to go out again as lieutenant, and has a wife and 6 children. When in Ireland, Lord Ireton ordered him on shore to command a party of seamen against the siege of Limerick, and in his absence, his steward, by Capt. Hackwell's order, issued out provisions to several ships, as also to some castles there, for the use of the army, for which he could never obtain any warrants from him until lately those which he now sends; has consequently been disabled from passing his accounts. Since leaving the Paragon, has been 22 months lieutenant of the Swiftsure, but could not receive his wages, as the accounts of the Paragon had not been passed. Cannot give a clearer proof of the delivery of the provisions than the captain's hand, with other vouchers, the original warrants being eaten up by the rats in his study at home, but is ready to make oath of the justness thereof. With reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners, to see his vouchers, take his oath, and grant him what is just, that he may return to his charge.	Vol. 191. 62
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	"	Will refit the Assurance when she arrives. Has hung the rudder of the Maidstone, which is now taking in her ballast, and will soon be ready to sail, if not delayed for want of her victuals.	63
" 11	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Will send to Capt. Holland to victual at Harwich. The Pearl has not yet come with the soldiers; is keeping the Expedition for them. Several ships were taken yesterday off Cromer, and it is reported there were 7 North Sea fishers taken in one day. Hopes they will not fail in another convoy for Iceland, as Midsummer grows on apace.	64
" "	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Elias, Kettell Bay, Iceland.*	"	Made Iceland the 27th ultimo, those of the fleet bound eastward having left him three days before the rest arrived at their fishing grounds, but some of them have been forced back by the N.E. winds; the rest are in Organ Bay, or near the Ragg, where he intends to be when a wind presents. The fishers hope to complete their voyage in due season, fish being plentiful.	65
" "	Wm. Rowden, *Cawood.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	Will observe the orders of the Navy Commissioners,—one being a countermand for hemp, and the other an order to ship 20 pieces of ship's canvas,—but since his return from London, has bought 6 tons of hemp according to order, which he will ship for the State according to contract, and desires especial notice may be taken of it, being confident Lincolnshire does not afford so good. Sent his agents on market day to Gainsborough, and another day to Brigg, but they returned without buying any hemp, as it was not so good as in Yorkshire; that which was at Cawood, and declined by them, has since been sold at Hull, and shipped for London. Will serve the Commissioners as cheaply as any man in Yorkshire or Lincolnshire, and has sent up an account on which there is 19*s.* 8*d.* due to him.	66
" "	Major Robt. Thomson.	Adm. Com.	Sends a letter from an old acquaintance in Zealand, marked "Intelligence from Flushing"	67

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1658.				Vol. 191.
June 11	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Having received orders from Rear-Adm. Bourne, has come into Harwich to refit, and will then return to his station. Has got out the guns, empty casks, and ballast, and is ready to haul on shore. Asks what victuals he is to take in.	68
„ 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Gerrard, deputy to the marshal-general of the army, for 100*l.* towards the maintenance of such prisoners of the enemy as are now or may hereafter come into his custody.	69
„ „	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to Capt. Robt. Poory, for the time he served as master of the Paul, any order for suspension notwithstanding.	70
„ „	Wm. Read - -	Adm. Com^rs^	Petition for payment of a written ticket given him for his services in the Paul, in the late expedition to the West Indies, which the Navy Commissioners refuse to sign because it is not printed. With order to the Navy Commissioners for payment, if there is no other obstruction.	71
„ „	Gabriel Evans -	—	Deposition that Jas. Leslie, gunner of the Convert, commanded by Capt. Rowland Bevans, sent one cwt. of gunpowder on shore on the night of 22 Feb., which was sold by Thos. Harwood with his consent. On 3rd May, he sold some strong drink to some of the ship's company, for 4*s.* a quart, and Rich. Solomon and Robt. Ireland took up clothes of the purser, to give to him in satisfaction; on the night of 25 Sept. 1657, Fras. Tomlinson, the mate, saw him and Thos. Harwood get two barrels of powder out of the ship, which they sold on shore; he took the State's canvas, and cut it up for clothes for his servants.	72
„ 13	Capt. Jno. Aylett, the *Coventry, Plymouth.*	Major Robt. Bleake.	Has sent the draught of his frigate and desires order to change two of her guns, when he will have 24 all complete, and men enough to man them, and be ready to sail in 3 days. Beach's frigate has very good guns.	73
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The Fame has come in to be refitted, by order of the commander-in-chief in the Downs. The Maidstone will be ready to sail next week.	74
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Delivered their letter for Capt. Godfrey. The Richard has 508 men, 197 being watermen; there are many useless men on board, of whom Sir Rich. Stayner will give an account and whom he will discharge, not being fit for the present expedition. Fears many of them will be those impressed by the masters of Watermen's Hall. The Langport had yesterday 223 men, whereof 61 are watermen; hears that he has 30 or 40 more than his complement, whom he has just impressed, there being a considerable fleet of colliers come in. Will discharge the supernumeraries in the Langport to-morrow, not having orders to bear any; if they were to proceed the voyage, they would not deserve their victuals. Thos. Day, a joiner in the Richard, has received great abuse from Jonathan Smith, a Gravesend waterman, wherein his Highness has been much abused; it will turn to the man's trouble and charge, unless the Commissioners interfere, as he will find little justice at Gravesend. Sir Rich. Stayner has laboured much in it, and is resolved to acquaint them with it.	75

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1658. June 14	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Last October, hired Wm. Thomson, master of the Providence of Newcastle, by special command of his Highness and Council, to transport hay and oats to Mardike, which he would have avoided, but in that juncture was constrained to go. Has often begged their order to the Navy Office to make out his bill for the freight, but it has not yet been granted, and the poor man suffers very deeply, and complains of hard dealing with him; intreats their consideration thereof, that he may not be exposed to the clamour of the tongues of men, who, through their necessity, are forced to cry out upon him.	Vol. 191. 76.
" "	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	The soldiers having been shipped last Thursday at Tynemouth, on Rich. Fell's ship of Newcastle, went with them to Hartlepool, where he took in another company, and convoyed them to Yarmouth Roads, where Major Burton ordered the Expedition to conduct them to Mardike. Renews his request for an order to clean and revictual; as he has only 5 days' provisions left, is going to Hull for a supply for 14 days, so as to be able to guard the north coast until the Assistance is cleaned and victualled; on her return, will go to Hull for further orders. There is a great fleet going with him, bound northwards, and waiting for a wind.	77
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Will deliver their letter to Capt. Nixon of the Pearl, which arrived yesterday with a Newcastle ship, having 250 soldiers with officers on board, whom they took in at Tynemouth Haven and Hartlepool; sent them away in the Expedition, and doubts not but they are now on shore at Mardike. The wind holding contrary for the Convert, could have wished an order to send her to Harwich to victual, or victual her at Yarmouth for 2 months, that she might not lose time; has been forced to supply her with more bread, besides beef, fish, butter, and cheese. The Pearl has but 5 days' victuals, and knows not where to go to revictual; if there be no order before the wind comes fair, shall advise her to go to the Humber for 14 days' provisions, and then to sea, until Capt. Holland is victualled, and then to return, as if the Pearl does not come back, there will be no State's ship on the north coast between Tynemouth and Yarmouth. Wrote Gen. Montague by Capt. Thomson to spare a frigate or two to send there, as the enemies are very busy, and took 2 or 3 vessels yesterday. Hopes they will be mindful to clear the captain for the 5 men he wrote about, as their wives are such constant petitioners that they tire him out.	78
" "	S. Clarke - -	Major Robt. Beake, Adm. Comr.	Begs to remind him of the business of yesterday; 1st, that in case the Admiralty Court orders the salt ships at Plymouth to be sent to London, a convoy may be appointed, and from information received, there will be a great loss in exposing them for sale at Plymouth; 2nd, that the seamen who came from the Downs with the wines behaved dissolutely, beating the waiters on board who had charge of the goods, and also drank and embezzled much of the wine.	79
" "	Jas. Disbrowe, L. Clarke, *Prize Office.*	Adm. Com.	The bearers, being part of the company of the Swiftsure who came from the Downs with the Elizabeth of Flushing prize, having demanded some allowance for their pains, cannot grant this, as they brought no order from their chief officer, by whom they were put on board for the service of the prize, and therefore desire directions.	80

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1658. June 14	Thos. Fidge, *Dover*	Col. Kelsey.	Has observed the order from the Admiralty Commissioners to release several Dunkirk prisoners in his custody, as water bailiff and keeper of the prison at Dover; desires he will sign the enclosed bill of disbursements for the maintenance of Ostend and Dunkirk prisoners, at 4*d.* a day, amounting to 5*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*, as he is much in want of money.	Vol. 191. 81, 82
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Plymouth.*	Col. Jno. Clerke and the Adm. Com.	Sends his journal from 10 May to 14 June; has come in for hallast and water. Has heard from Saml. Winter, master of the White Pigeon of Bristol, of the taking of Capt. Beach and an Ostender of 24 guns, by the Kent near Malaga, 7 weeks since, and that the English fleet was then in that road.	83, 84
„ „	Capt. Thos. Rea, *Nicholas Island.*	„	Has taken Capt. Beach into custody; he shall be secured with guards and irons, answerable to his vile usage of such English prisoners as have fallen within his power; will have him in readiness to answer for his misdeeds, whenever he shall be called upon.	85
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has drawn a bill of exchange on them for 310*l.*, disbursed in furnishing the Forester for sea; desires order to the Commissioners of Customs for payment.	86
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Major-Gen. Kelsey.	Thanks for favours to himself and Capt. Tatnell, who took in a week's provisions, and will now sail. Hopes some money will be ordered him, and asks influence with Lord Thurloe about the 106*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* due for carrying the horses and straw; is told he shall lose it if he does not look after it. Davis and Wivell have not returned from Mardike.	87
„ 15	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to draw up a true account as far as they can, and for the rest the nearest estimate, of all wages and payments due to the ships of the fleet at Jamaica, the coast of Spain, or in the Channel, to 1st July; also of all debts, wages, salaries, &c., that will be due by that time to the officers of the navy and yards, and for provisions and stores belonging to the navy. Also to draw up an estimate of the charge of victualling 14,000 men for the next year's service, and what sorts of provisions, and to what value must be provided for supply of the stores, in order to the setting forth of a fleet of 14,000 men; also an estimate of the wages and salaries that will be due to the navy officers and yards for the ensuing year.	88
„ „	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order for paymeat of the wages due to the officers, workmen, and labourers in the State's yards of Chatham, Woolwich, and Deptford, to 31 March last.	89
„ „	Capt. Jno. Copping, *Langport, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has got his men, such as they are, on board; some were appointed by Watermen's Hall, but those who have appeared are mostly boys, not fit to carry to sea, and the able men have kept behind; is necessitated to keep them for want of better, and having got an anchor, will sail towards the General next tide, according to his order.	90
„ „	Capt. Jno. Hayward, the *Essex, Doxns.*	„	Has come in by order of Lord Montague, to transport the ambassadors of France, with their retinue, for such port of France as they shall desire, and then to return to the Downs. There is a company of soldiers at Deal bound for Mardike, and no other man-of-war in the Downs to transport them but his ship.	91

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1658.				Vol. 191.
June 15	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Having refitted, and received 6 weeks' victuals from Ipswich, shall make all speed to the Flemish Road, according to their order.	92
" "	Hen. Phillips, *Holy Island.*	"	A parcel of wax, weighing 2 cwt., has been recovered from the sea 2 months since, by some poor fishermen, and there is likely to be some difference between them and the Lord of the Island respecting it; desires advice therein, and will see that what is due to the Admiralty shall not be wanting.	93
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Plymouth.*	"	Has returned from the westward, having convoyed some ships 55 leagues west of Scilly; in his return, might have taken one of 20 guns but for the fog and night; is now going to Portsmouth. The prize taken with Capt. Beach has also arrived, on which there were some needful disbursements at Lisbon, to fit her to come over. Sends an account received from Mr. Reed who paid the money. Is charged to pay it upon his account at Plymouth, so desires order to the Commissioners for Prize Goods there to reimburse him.	94
" 16	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Received their order for Capt. Nixon to go to Harwich to victual, but he had sailed northward; the fleet has been in and gone out again, except the Pearl, which anchored off Cromer; Capt. Bevans has been in and out 3 times, wanting provisions he could not supply; has sent him to Harwich for 2 months' victuals, as he is going to Leith. The Pearl has since gone for Hull for victuals, and will be ready to sail in 2 days, if dispatched by the victualler. Desires their order, there being great need of her, as the time for the Iceland convoy is at hand.	95
" 17	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for sending a quantity of naval stores mentioned in a paper by Capt. Hatsell, in a convenient vessel to Plymouth.	96
" "	" "	"	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Taylor for 250*l.* out of the moneys received for Mardike, charging the same as an imprest on his account, according to an order by the Committee of Council enclosed.	97, 98
" "	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox.*	Adm. Com.	Was detained in Cowes Road by winds and weather, and did not leave until the 5th instant, when he plied to windward in the Channel, and stopped in Plymouth Sound to get a new suit of colours and some oars. Got about the Land's End; but on bearing sail to weather it, spent his foretopmast, and cracked his main cap, and not being able to reach the Irish coast, went to Milford to repair; will be ready to sail this evening.	99
" "	Rich. Dermot, *Dawpool, Chester Water.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends the sea books and the musters of the Kinsale, which came over by order of the Lord Deputy of Ireland, to transport Col. Gorch and his family to Dublin, but has gone without them, they being ill with the small-pox. The Harp with the treasure has gone with her, there being notice of a rogue in the Channel, who has undone some of the merchants lately, and lies in wait to take more. The Harp is for the Lord Deputy's own use, and being victualled by him, is not on English account. The Commissioners should be more sparing in paying the tickets sent up from the Kinsale, unless the person to whom the ticket is made out personally appears before them, as from what he has seen in the sea books, things are not carried on as they ought to be.	100

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June 17	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Robt. Willis, the diver, is likely to do much good on the guns, if fair weather presents. He made his gear fast to a great one yesterday, but in heaving it up, his gear gave way three times, so he sent in for better ropes, which have gone out, and there are great hopes of his soon recovering some of them.	101
„ „	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has come in from the Downs to refit, by order of Rear-Adm. Bourne, and will make all haste -	102
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Sorlings has come in, and the Preston is at Spithead; will give them all dispatch. The Adventure and Forester are plying up for provisions.	103
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks for 30 tickets, having many supernumeraries, and the poor people making great complaints.	104
„ „	Edmond Starr -	—	Examination before the Commissioners for Prizes. Was appointed by the Prize Commissioners at Plymouth to go as waiter on board the Elizabeth prize, laden with wine, and bound from Plymouth to London, as well for the security of the cargo as also to prevent embezzlement. Some seamen belonging to the Swiftsure came on board to assist in bringing her up. Wm. Williams, another prize officer, informed him that a board had been broken open by the seamen, and wine drawn from a cask; on searching, found a tap bore, an earthen dish, and a cask leaking; after stopping it up, it was again prized in another place; does not know who did it, and dared not enquire, for fear of mischief to himself. The seamen, with only one exception, were very unruly, cursing and swearing; one of them, living in Basing Lane, London, struck Williams for discovering the embezzlement. The seamen of the Sorlings however, on their way from Plymouth to the Downs, behaved properly, and although he searched with a candle after they left, he did not find that there had been any embezzlement by them.	105
„ 18	Philip Norbrough -	—	Like examination to the same effect - - - - - - - - -	106
„ „	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Humber.*	Adm. Com.	Has taken in 14 days' provisions at Hull, and is going northward. Desires an order to the victualler for what he has received. Asks where he shall clean and revictual when he comes in again, by which time the Assurance will be ready to return to the coast.	107
„ „	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Downs.*	„	After delivering 248 soldiers at Mardike, was detained there until the surrender of Dunkirk, when the General ordered him to repair to the Downs, and report to the Admiralty Commissioners before returning to his station. Has only 10 days' provisions left, and the frigate is very foul and wants tallowing.	108
„ 19	Jas. Disbrowe, *Prize Office.*	„	Desires they will instruct the bearer, Mr. Whittell, secretary to the Prize Office, as to the bringing or not bringing up the salt ships from Plymouth.	109
„ „	Jno. Harrison -	„	Petition for a warrant to officiate as minister on board the Wakefield, as also for his pay for the time he performed the duties on board without one; has been 5 years in service at sea, and lost 400*l.* With order to the Navy Commissioners for payment of the wages due.	110

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1658. June 19	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has been cruising on his station, but has not met with or heard of any of the enemies, except espying two Danes to the leeward, bound for Hull, and on bearing up, found they had a Dunkirk man-of-war of 8 guns in their company, but they bore away. Suggests whether, for the preservation of merchant ships and the trade on the coast, order should not be given for the State's ships to go in to victual singly, instead of all together as at present, whereby some might be left at sea for better security, as multitudes of ships daily pass between Yarmouth and Newcastle, and the enemy, who are 10 or 15 leagues off, receive intelligence touching their opportunities of surprising merchant ships, when the State's ships are not amongst them. Has deferred going in himself to the last moment, having but two days' victuals left, supposing some other might be sent to relieve him. There being several ships in the Road bound for Holland, that have long waited for a convoy, has been desired by Major Burton to conduct them on their way, and will then ply to Harwich. Wishes he could could come to some engagement with the enemy, whereby he might manifest what, through want of an opportunity, he can only verbally profess.	Vol. 191. 111
" "	John Packwood, *Woolwich.*	Thos. Turner, *Navy Office.*	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	112
" "	Capt. Valentine Tatnell, *Adventure, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been delayed by contrary winds, but hopes to haul on shore next tide. Met some Holland men-of-war and merchant ships from the Straits, who touched at Cadiz, and report that a month since there were 60 ships there, 20 whereof were men-of-war, carrying 40 guns each, and all bound for the West Indies. Desires they will grant his men some money, as their families are in great want.	113
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - -	114
" 20	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Forester, Portsmouth.*	"	Coming from the Downs, was twice forced to anchor under Dungeness through the weather, or might have lost his anchor and cables; arrived at Portsmouth yesterday, and hopes quick dispatch. Having left 2 guns at Mardike for the use of the army, and having a defective one on board, desires 4 culverins of 10 or 12 cwt. each, and a few more men, as his frigate deserves more than 100.	115
" "	Adm. Judges, *Ostend*	—	Signify their consent for the release of Wm. Hill, English prisoner there, in exchange for 2 Flemings now prisoners at Plymouth. [*Dutch.*]	116
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will get his frigate on shore to repair. Being short of provisions when ordered to go as convoy to St. Malo and Morlaix, and there being a scarcity at Plymouth, was forced to put his men on half allowance until he got 6 days' from Capt. Lardge of the Lark; now desires return thereof. Asks an order to the victualler to supply him with 10 weeks', when he will return what is due to Capt. Lardge and his own men, and put to sea with sufficient for two months.	117

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1658. June 20	St. J. Steventon, Jno. Dymock.	Navy Com^rs	Sends an account of provisions delivered into the stores the last quarter, for which no bills have yet been passed, as also of the wages and salaries due on the ordinary and extraordinary quarter books for the last ½ year. Have just received 16 lasts of tar out of a Brighton vessel.	Vol. 191. 118
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth, off Tynemouth Bar.*	Adm. Com.	Is now 7 leagues off, with 20 Yarmouth fishers, intending for the Dogger Sands, but the fishers are much scattered from him, and will not observe order nor their own flagmen; hopes to preserve those that keep his company from the enemy. Gave the captain of the Pearl notice of an Ostend frigate of 4 guns, which stood into shore on the 19th instant.	119
„ 22	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to agree with Giles Wiggoner for a ketch of 40 tons, for 6 months, he finding men, victuals, guns, &c., to ply between Harwich and the west of Kent, to protect trade, and to surprise such of the enemy's vessels as infest those parts.	120
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make an allowance of 10 more men to the Forester, making her complement 110 -	121
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the speedy refitting of the Amity and Pembroke at Chatham, for present service -	122
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Alderman Martin Noel for 664*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, according to bills of exchange sent, drawn at Cascales by Capt. Rich. Potter of the President, placing the same to Capt. Potter's account.	123
„ „	Capt. Abr. Allgate, the *Oxford, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Having seen the vessels he convoyed from France safe into Plymouth and Dartmouth, was informed that Capt. Hatsell had written for him to go to Portsmouth to refit, and came to Spithead, but as Capt. Thorowgood has no order therein, gives them notice of his arrival, and waits their pleasure.	124
„ „	Capt. Jeremy Country, *Greyhound, Portsmouth.*	„	Convoyed several vessels bound for London to the Downs, and then carried a packet for the Vice-admiral to Ostend; but he not being there, delivered it at Dunkirk, and then plied between the Splinter and Breakhead, to intercept such vessels as came to relieve the town. After it was surrendered, was ordered by Lord Montague to land a packet, as also one of his Highness's messengers, at Dover, and then to go to Portsmouth to clean, exchange his guns, and take in what he required; will make all dispatch to return to his station.	125
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	There is an order that no more ballast is to be heaved overboard out of any of the State's ships at Harwich, but to be carried away; has received instructions from Major Bourne to build an open hoy for such purpose, which is partly built, and there must not only be another, but a ballast quay erected; desires order, or ships coming in to be unloaded and refitted will be much delayed. Wants compass timber for building the hoys, and advice as to the price paid for framing quays or sheds with timber, when already sawn and to hand. Asks 100*l.* to pay the yard wages, having only received 100*l.* this quarter and disbursed 40*l.* more, and money from time to time for the future, so as to be able to defray necessary charges, and have a stock in hand; has no delight in being a creditor to the State.	126

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1658. June 22	Capt. John Poyntz, *Providence, Calais Road.*	Navy Com^rs^	Expecting to be called in to be paid off, has omitted informing them of some money he has in hand for an anchor which he was ordered, by warrant from Adm. John Stoakes and a council of war, to supply to a merchantman in the river at Lisbon. Will wait on them and deliver it up.	Vol. 191. 127
" "	Jno. Stainforth, deputy marshal, *Chelsea College.*	Adm. Com.	Certifies, at request of Giles Wiggoner, that Jno. Younge, late a seaman belonging to the Virgin Mary of Dunkirk, and Jno. Rinders, a boy belonging to the St. Peter of Ostend, are prisoners in Chelsea College.	128
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Arrival and refitting of ships - - - - - - - - - -	129
" 23	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Understands they have ordered Capt. Nixon to take in a month or 6 weeks' provisions. Capt. Parker and the Hawk ketch arrived from Gen. Montague, according to his request, to keep the north coast until the Assurance had cleaned and victualled. She has now gone with some Hull ships to the Maes, and to bring back some lying there for a convoy, and will be at Harwich in two days. Capt. Penrose has come in for a pilot, being bound for Hamburg, for the Swedish ambassador; he reports that the English forces took Bergen last Monday, the inhabitants surrendering on mercy for their lives, and that they had 3,000 prisoners. The Convert has also come in, bound for the north seas: the Fame, which is much wanted, has lain at Harwich 10 days, and cannot get victuals. Sends a brief for exchange of Lawrence Wackerine, an Ostend prisoner at Canterbury, for Wm. Burton and other Englishmen, prisoners in Ostend gaol. Hopes, as Midsummer has come, they will appoint Capt. Thomson, or someone else, for Iceland.	130, 131
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Has heard from Mr. Turner concerning 8 men named, who were turned over from the Swiftsure to the Richard, but to whom he gave no tickets, not having received the book from Woolwich before the ship sailed from the Hope, neither was she in petty warrant. Took a copy from the steward's book by which he mustered the men, and received a list of their names from the rear-admiral, but there was no time of their entry mentioned. Made out 4 tickets for 4 men named who were discharged from the Swiftsure, and were not fit to be entertained in any other ship. Told the other 8 the reasons why he could not give them tickets, but could not satisfy them, and had much reviling language.	132
" "	Capt. Nich. Parker, *Portsmouth.*	"	After landing the soldiers he carried from Portsmouth to Mardike, came in to wash and tallow, as ordered, but the spring tide being far spent, and many ships being in the harbour, was advised by Capt. Thorowgood to go and ply in his station until the next tide.	133

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June 23	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Yarmouth Roads.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having received an order yesterday from Lord Montague to go to the River Elbe, to bring over Major-Gen. Jephson and his retinue from Hamburg to the Downs or the Thames, came from Mardike Pitts last night, and has applied to Major Burton for a pilot; when he comes on board, will make all speed in prosecution of his order.	134
„ 24	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Margaret, wife of Cornelius Burroughs, steward-general to the fleet at Jamaica, for 100*l.*, on account of the wages due to her husband, over and above the 100*l.* formerly imprested, and to charge it as an imprest on his account.	135
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Taylor for 200*l.* on the account of Mardike, charging it as an imprest on Taylor's account.	136
„ „	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Winsby at Woolwich -	137
„ „	Capt. Jeremy Country, *Greyhound, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Came to Portsmouth by order of Lord Montague, and went on shore to Capt. Thorowgood, who ordered a pilot to fetch his ship in to be cleaned; when done, will carry the gentleman as commanded, and if he does not find any further order on his return, will repair to Spithead.	138
„ „	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Sorlings, Portsmouth.*	„	Has had his ship hauled on shore and graved, but not tallowed, as there was no tallow in the stores, and expects to be victualled and ready to sail by Monday.	139
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	To cause a supply of tallow to be sent into the stores at Portsmouth, for tallowing ships already hauled on shore, or hereafter sent in.	140
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The Nightingale has come in by order of the General, to refit and victual, but neither the Assurance, Pearl, nor Roe ketch have arrived. The Fame is refitted, and waits her victuals.	141
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs	Gave notice that the Swiftsure was not in petty warrant, and has since received a petition that was sent to them by some of the 8 men who were turned over from her to the Richard. Rich. Coles, one of the petitioners, was entered 5 June, and discharged the next day. Sends an extract from the steward's book, received from Woolwich after the ship had sailed, concerning the 8 men who were turned over, 6 of whom have had no tickets.	142
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival, cleaning, and victualling of ships. Has received their orders for the Nonsuch and Greyhound, and the warrant for the victualler's agent.	143
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Convoyed the Bristol fleet to Rochelle by order of Comr. Hatsell, but only brought back one Englishman laden with wines, there not being more ready; being short of provisions, could not wait. Is going to Portsmouth to tallow and revictual, and convoy such merchantmen as are bound eastward as far as Portsmouth, calling for one on his way. With draft of an Admiralty order endorsed.	144

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1658. June 25	Wm. Rowden, *Cawood.*	Robt. Thomson, Navy Comr.	Thanks for past favours. As to the mills, the foxes cannot be repaired this year, by reason of the wet summer, yet will be content to enter forthwith, provided the timber work of the foxes be repaired, and those things which are needful; will engage to leave in as good condition as he finds it at the end of the 7 years; but after he enters, will expect the principal timber for the repairs, as also what was allowed in the old lease, and the military assessments, but no more. Has charged a bill of exchange on the treasurer for 200*l.* on account of the 6 tons of hemp, payable 20 July next, and another for 50*l.* upon account of the ship canvas; desires his assistance in getting them accepted. Hopes the hemp and canvas will be in London before the bills. Mrs. Nedham seems much displeased with him about her farm, but shall pass by her infirmity. She was at Cawood yesterday with Mr. Hewley about it; will speak to Mr. Hewley, and do all the good he can in the business.	Vol. 191. 145
" 26	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Speaker at Woolwich -	146
" "	Capt. Abra. Allgate, the *Oxford, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Understanding there is no tallow in the stores at Portsmouth, desires speedy order, that his frigate may be tallowed. Wants tickets for 6 months' pay to his gunner, boatswain, and carpenter, and a few to supply the urgent necessities of some of his men.	147
" "	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Leith Road.*	"	Convoyed some ships bound for Inverness, Caithness, and Orkney, by order of Lord Monk, and has now come in with a fleet bound for London. Asks where to revictual; is going for another fleet in the Sound, bound for Scotland, and will not have time to clean until his return.	148
" "	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Vulture, Yarmouth.*	"	Has been six weeks at sea attending the fishermen, as ordered by Major Burton; as the fishing season will be over in 4 or 5 days, will apply to the Major again, having 5 weeks' victuals remaining. When he revictuals, desires he may only take in for 10 weeks, as he cannot conveniently stow more; the frigate was hindered in sailing by being overloaded.	149
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Portsmouth.*	"	Has hauled off the ground, and will be ready to sail next Wednesday; desires an order to change 2 unserviceable iron-chase guns for brass, not having one on board.	150
" "	Wm. Smith, *Woolwich.*	—	Account of decayed and unserviceable rope, oakum rackings, and paper stuff, delivered to Wm. Bowden, ropemaker of Woolwich.	151
" "	Capt. John Woolters, *Nonsuch, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Will convoy the vessels for the Downs as soon as he can get them together; has been off the ground 8 months, and has only 7 weeks' provisions left; hopes when these are spent, they will order him up to Chatham. Must remain a day at Spithead to recruit his stores, having left many of them at Dunkirk, as also 4 of his guns.	152

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June 26	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, off Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Is ordered by Lord Gen. Montague to ply between Orfordness and the Thames mouth. Chased one of the enemy's men-of-war that had brought two vessels by the lee when he left them, but he escaped; fell in with him again off Aldborough, and chased him to the coast of Flanders, where he got away.	153
" "	Robt. Willis, *Harwich.*	"	Has taken up one gun, weighing about 50 cwt.; finds the work very difficult through the variableness of the weather, but attends every opportunity, not yet knowing what success he may have. Has 2 or 3 men who are not fit for the work, and as he has no power to dismiss them and get others, awaits their orders.	154
" 28	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	"	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	155
" "	Capt. Philip Holland, *Assurance, Harwich.*	"	Arrived at the Brill the 21st inst., where he found 14 English merchant ships ready to sail, who would have come out a fortnight before, had not 3 Ostend men-of-war attended for them all the while. Waited for them 3 days through want of a wind, which the enemy perceiving, they deserted the place, but—with as much perfidiousness to the Dutch as the Dutch discover treachery to the English, by sheltering or countenancing any enemy to this Commonwealth,—taking by force on their going away 20 or 30 head of good cattle. Arrived with his convoy in Yarmouth Roads the 25th inst., and received 4 more vessels under convoy bound for Mardike, but the wind changing southerly, they put in with him to Harwich. Has received their order, and will take the first spring tide to haul on shore to clean and victual.	156
" 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to deliver to Simon Beale several parcels of goods named, for the rigging out of the pleasure boat preparing for his Highness.	157
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out bills to Thos. Davis, appointed Admiralty messenger, as also marshal in the room of Hen. Webley, for his salary of 60*l.* a year, payable quarterly.	158
" "	Col. Jno. Jones, *Whitehall.*	Adm. Com.	Has long known Wm. Barbour, who has been employed on business of great concern in North Wales. He was also clerk to the late Mr. Smith, Navy Commissioner, and the clerks at the Navy Office, from whence he is not discharged, being about to be reduced to 3, he fears, having no master there, he will be laid aside. Knowing his ability and good character from Sir Jno. Carter, and that the State owes him 300*l.* for service in North Wales, he being also poor and having a wife and 5 small children, desires their favour in his behalf; Mr. Blackborne can give a good account of him.	159
" "	Capt. Nich. Parker, the *Bryer, Portsmouth.*	"	Has been plying off the Isle of Wight and Portland, but his provisions being expended, has come in to repair and victual; will hasten to his station.	160
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - -	161

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1658.				Vol. 191.
June 29	Jno. Timbrell, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Owes 1,200*l.*, borrowed to supply the stores at Portsmouth with ironwork, and there is 1,500*l.* due to him by the State thereon, and also a quantity of work to be done, by so many ships constantly coming in; unless they speedily order him a good sum, cannot go on, not having wherewith to buy iron and other provisions, or pay wages, &c. Having a large family, and having been long sick, is unable to come to London. Acquainted the Commissioners of his wants 3 months since, but heard nothing.	162
„ 30	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Harwich.*	„	According to order, will lay the ketch on shore to tallow, use all diligence to get the provisions on board, and return to his station.	163
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	„	On a late survey made at Tilbury Fort, found 2 brass guns with the arms of the Earl of Warwick engraved thereon, as also 6 iron ones and 107 matchlock muskets, all which were received by Col. Crompton, the governor there, by order from the Militia Commissioners for Essex, and were parcel of a greater quantity that were employed by the enemy in Colchester.	164
„	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	The Pembroke has been tallowed and perfected, and waits her provisions. The Amity will be ready for hers by Saturday.	165
June.	——	—	List of 22 English merchants and others who were taken in the Samuel of London, by Capt. Adrian Cootes of Ostend, and released on their parole to procure the enlargement of the same number of Flemish prisoners named, confined in Plymouth and Chelsea College. With list of those to be released.	166, 167
„	Navy Comrs. - -	—	Estimate of the charge of 14,000 men to be employed at sea from 1 July 1658 to 1 July 1659, including provisions of stores, repairs, and other disbursements; total 766,537*l.*	168
„	——	—	Estimate of wages due to officers, mariners, &c., serving in ships named now at sea, to 30 June 1658; total 286,011*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*	169
„	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships, and mustering of men for June 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 15th, 18th, and 19th.	170–176
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July 1	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	The Pembroke is tallowed, and her guns mounted, but has not heard of the hoy with her victuals. Is in hand with the Amity, but tallow is needed for the stores. Is desired to ask that the London may be paid off at Chatham, the town being poor and in need.	1
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to provide shipping at Dover on Tuesday next to carry 100 horse, besides officers, to Dunkirk.	2
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to provide the Diamond, bound to Jamaica, with a suit of harping irons and other fishing tackle, the charge not exceeding 10*l.*	3
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Fowler for his pay, &c., as Judge-Advocate of the fleet, since his last payment, at 8*s.* a day, payable to Katherine, his wife.	4
„ 3	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Luke Slyfield for his pay, &c., as deputy-marshal of the fleet in the Downs, from 8 Oct. 1657 to 8 June 1658, at 2*s.* a day.	5

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1658. July 3	Elle, widow of Capt. Wm. Ledgant, late commander of the *Elias*.	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of a year's wages due to him on 22 April last, the day he died, being poor and having two children. With order to the Navy Commissioners to make out a bill accordingly. Also certificate by Major Wm. Burton of Capt. Ledgant's death.	Vol. 192. 6, 7
" 4	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Hen. Hatsell for Rich. Vinson, for 40*l.* for services as storekeeper at Plymouth under Hatsell for one year, ending the 4th inst.	8
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Hen. Hatsell for 270*l.* for his and his clerks' pay, &c., as agent for managing the affairs of the Navy at Plymouth for one year.	9
" 5	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Being at Woolwich, and finding that the great shallop lately built at Chatham for the Flemish coast had been brought there with the Speaker, and that no one had particular charge of her, so that her brass guns and other provisions were in danger of being embezzled, had her hauled on shore and her guns secured. If she is not to be employed for the business she was built for, it would be best to lay her somewhere else, or in a few weeks she may come to the same end as the Horsleydown shallop did. She might be useful on the coast at this time of year, or never.	10
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Repeats his letter of 7 June, fearing somebody is doing him ill service by keeping his letters. Understands they have given order for receiving the hemp sent in David King's hoy; hopes they will hasten away the Amity for Iceland.	11
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	According to their reference of the petition of Capt. Jonas Poole, have examined the taking up of the Mary Rose in the Straits by Capt. Badiley and Mr. Longland, and find she was let by the latter, for whose use the bill of freight was made out and received. No force was used, but a protest from Capt. Badiley when the ship was in pay that she was then not delivered. Capt. Poole has produced certificates from credible merchants that he was damaged to the extent of 500*l.* by her being unloaded at Porto Ferraio. With certificate by Wm. Vincent and Wm. Rider, 28 June, that as arbitrators between Capt. Jonas Poole and the owners of the Mary Rose, they have examined the accounts of the ship for her voyage from England to Scanderoon, and thence to Leghorn, in 1652, and find that she was taken by Capt. Badiley for the service of the State, and her goods, which were designed for England, were turned on shore at Porto Ferraio, where much of them was lost, damaged, and stolen, which Capt. Badiley was legally bound to make good to the owners in London. Noted to have a certificate that Capt. Poole has made good to his owners that damage of 500*l.* which was allowed to the freighters.	12, 13

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1658. July 5	Capt. John Gardener, of the *Golden Falcon.*	Adm. Com.	Certificate that Nath. Phillips was on short allowance from 26 Nov. 1655 to 2 April 1657. Noted. 424 days at 2*d.* a day, 4*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*	Vol. 192. 14
„ „	Thos. Teddeman, *Dover.*	Navy Com^rs	Has agreed with the masters of 4 vessels of Dover for transporting 100 horses to Dunkirk, at 13*s.* each. Will have all ready by Tuesday, and when they are shipped, will send up an account of the whole charge.	15
„ 6	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to examine the account of Thos. Arden, woodward of New Forest, of money disbursed for felling, squaring, and carrying 200 oaks and beeches to the water side for the navy, and to make a reasonable allowance.	16
„ „	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the London at Chatham -	17
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *London, Chatham Dock.*	„	Having arrived in the Medway, has no further use for the ketch that has attended upon the London while she has been at sea.	18
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - -	19
„ 7	Susan Letherman -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the release of Philip Farmell, private seaman, formerly belonging to the St. Maria of Ostend, and a prisoner in Chelsea College, in exchange for her brother, Thos. Partridge, who was taken by a Spanish man-of-war and carried to Flushing, where he will remain as a prisoner until Farmell is exchanged for him. With certificate of Jno. Stainforth, deputy marshal-general, that Farmell is in his custody at Chelsea College.	20, 21
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	—	Account of contracts made with 3 powder makers named, with particulars of the quantity delivered, and what remains to be brought in; also of the serviceable and unserviceable powder in the stores and at Windsor.	22
„ 8	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Supposes they have heard of the embezzlement of cordage by the boatswains of the Richard and Diamond; is investigating the matter, and as it is necessary to appoint others in their place, recommends Skinner, formerly boatswain of the Great Charity, and lately assistant to the master of attendance at Woolwich, as one, and the person recommended by the captain of the Diamond as the other. An intimation should be sent to the General to secure the boatswain of the Richard.	23
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	Major N. Bourne, Navy Com^r, *Deptford.*	Mr. Arkinstall and the paymasters have arrived, but the London is yet in Long Reach, and the pilot on board desires order for 40 or 50 of her men to be kept on board, to secure her until the wind serves to bring her up.	24

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1658.				Vol. 192.
July 8	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Capt. Fras. Willoughby.	Desire a note to the Petty warrant Victuallers to take more care for providing beer, &c., as of late some of the ships have been without beer for two days together, which has caused 20 or 30 of the men of the Constant Warwick to come off and complain; pacified them with words and got them to return to their business. On sending to Mr. Salisbury about it, he at first said it did not concern him, but afterwards that what was amiss should be amended; if a few words were sent him to have more care, it would do good. Particulars of ships under repair.	25
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" 12	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Has communicated their letter to the merchants, who are very sensible of their favour. Asks leave to hire the Black Horseman of London to bring up timber and shot from Hunger Road, at 30*s.* a ton the timber and 16*s.* the shot.	26
" "	Robt. Beate - -	"	Petition for an order for the release of Jaques Mounterdee, a prisoner in Chelsea College, in exchange for Geo. Smith, a Scotchman, taken at sea and carried to Ostend, who has been set at liberty by the Admiralty Judges at Ostend, under caution to effect such exchange. With pass from the Admiralty Judges at Ostend for Smith, and certificate of Jno. Stainforth that Mounterdee, a seaman lately belonging to the St. Peter of Ostend, is a prisoner in Chelsea College.	27–30
" "	James Combes -	"	Petition for the boatswain's place in the Bridgwater, having served the State at sea for several years, and been boatswain in the Sophia two years; but she being constantly in harbour, and his wages small, he has not sufficient subsistence for his wife and family. With certificate of Jno. Green, Thos. Scott, and Jas. Ansdell, recommending him as boatswain to the new frigate building at Deptford.	31, 32
" 13	Jeremiah Haslupp -	"	Petition for the carpenter's place in the Rosebush at Deptford; suffered much loss in the Paragon, wherein he was also burnt and wounded, and was master carpenter in the Charity. With certificate of Christ. Pett and 3 others.	33, 34
" "	Capt. Hen. Peck, *Amity, Yarmouth Roads.*	Navy Com^rs	Has come in as ordered. Is much troubled about a ticket given to Jno. Turner, for piloting the Amity to and from Plymouth; hopes it will be attended to.	35
" "	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Wm. Whitehorne for 40*l.*, for his pains in managing the Downs squadron from 9 Feb. to 29 June 1658, and for his disbursements and expenses.	36
" 17	" - -	"	Order to make up the pay of Gilbert Cornelius, 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a month, on their certificate, on examination of his papers, that he was employed as Judge-Advocate in the West Indies by Vice-Adm. Goodson from 16 July 1655 to 16 July 1656; that he received 37*s.* a month as midshipman in the Torrington, and that if the same were made up 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, a month, which is after the rate of 3*s.* 4*d.* a day, it would be sufficient compensation.	37
" "	" - -	"	Order to make an additional allowance of 10 men to the Colchester, above her present complement of 100.	38

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1658. July 17	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Martin Aldrich for the pay of a lieutenant of a 4th-rate ship, for the time he so served, on his petition that, being lieutenant of the Bear in her last voyage to Jamaica, on 21 July 1656 he was appointed commander of the Cardiff, until she was laid up, and that he afterwards entered himself on board the Mathias, where he continued from 27 Jan. 1656–7 to 17 April following, when she was paid off, and praying allowance for his said service.	Vol. 192. 39
" "	" - -	"	Order to pay Rob. Turpin 500*l.* on account for sick and wounded seamen - - -	40
" 19	Christ. Pett, Sam. Raven, Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	"	Many of the Flemish ships in the harbour are in bad condition, not fit for repair, and lying at a daily charge; the Sampson, Marigold, Golden Falcon, and Falcon flyboat, should be put up for sale, and the remainder have their upper decks caulked, to preserve them from the weather, which will much damnify them during the ensuing winter.	41
" 20	Burgomasters and Aldermen, *Dunkirk.*	—	Certificate that Anth. Garcy, and 11 other men and boys named, inhabitants of Dunkirk, were taken at sea, while serving under Capt. Jaques Jardin, and are now prisoners at York. [*Dutch, with translation*].	42, 43
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order—on certificate of Christ. Pett, master shipwright at Woolwich, that there is a want of a mastmaker in the yard, for the more speedy dispatch of ships fitted there, and recommendation of Fras. Sturton, carpenter of the Speaker, who, having lost one his legs, is unfit to go to sea;—to consider whether a mastmaker is wanted there, and if Sturton is fit, to appoint him, with the same allowance as the mastmaker at Deptford.	44
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and companies of the Convertine and Paul, lately come from Jamaica.	45
" 22	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Lieut. Jno. Cuttle for 10*l.*, for his care during the time he had charge of the London and Portland, in the absence of their commanders.	46
" "	Navy Com. - -	Adm. Com.	Find from the officers at Chatham Yard that there are several parcels of decayed and unserviceable provisions, as old ropes, sails, ironwork, anchors, junk, &c., which pester the stores; also from the officers at Woolwich Yard that the Sampson, Marigold, Golden Falcon, and Falcon flyboat, are too defective for repair, and are now a daily charge. Advise their sale, this being the best season of the year for it.	47
" 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for sending on board the Sea Flower ketch Wm. Blackburne and 4 others, now prisoners under charge of the Messenger, and delivering them into the custody of Walter Dickenson, midshipman, to be conveyed to the Downs, and disposed of as Lord Gen. Montague shall direct. Also to send the witnesses against them, and deliver the examinations to Dickenson, who is to give them to the Judge-Advocate of the Fleet, or whom else the General shall direct.	48

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1658.				Vol. 192.
July 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill of 500*l.* to Rob. Turpin, for sick and wounded seamen - - - -	49
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Hen. Champlyn, marshal of Plymouth Castle, for his care in securing prisoners sent thither from on board the ships and frigates of the Commonwealth, from 16 July 1657 to 16 July 1658, after the rate of 1*s.* 6*d.* a day.	50
" "	" - -	"	Order to receive the keys of the storehouses at Woolwich from Wm. Ackworth, storekeeper, he having been suspended from office on account of frauds and embezzlements committed of late, and to take order for stating the remainder of the stores under his charge, and entrust them to some faithful person.	51
" "	Geo. Randall - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for release of Jago Fran, prisoner in Chelsea College, in exchange for himself. Was taken prisoner by an Ostend man-of-war last May, and was in Ostend Prison a long time, until released on parole, to procure Fran's discharge. With certificate of Jno. Stainforth that Jocas Ferroone, a seaman belonging to the St. Maria of Ostend and taken by the Portland, is a prisoner in Chelsea College; also by Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson and Thos. Pointer that the petitioner belonged to the Speaker when taken prisoner.	52, 53
" "	Mr. Beckford - -	—	Account for a quantity of cocoa nuts, sold at 25*l.* per cwt., amounting to 127*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* - -	54
" 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to Nathaniel Lane for the time he served as minister on board the Converture, notwithstanding he had no warrant.	55
" "	" - -	Navy Com^rs	Order—the Protector having directed that the squadron in the Straits be continued out the next winter, except the Tredagh, Jersey, and Yarmouth, now coming home, and Capt. Jno. Stoakes, commander-in-chief of the fleet, having stated that there is a great want of all sorts of boatswains' and carpenters' stores for 10 ships named—that they consider what proportion must be provided, and take care for their speedy sending, by the ships that are to be taken up by the Commissioners for Victualling.	56
" 30	Jno. Wentworth, late commander of the *Paul.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Navy Commissioners to pay such wages as are due to him, as also what is due on certain tickets. Was appointed commander of the Paul by commission from Edw. Doyley, commander-in-chief of the forces at Jamaica, and by warrant from Gen. Wm. Brayne, directed to Capt. Chas. Wager, the former commissioner, 90 men were to be borne upon her; but on paying off the ship, petitioner not having the warrant to produce, the Navy Commissioners suspended payment of his salary, as there were 30 supernumeraries put into the ship by virtue of this warrant, more than were borne upon the establishment. With order to the Navy Commissioners to pay the wages due, notwithstanding the 30 supernumeraries, as it was done by order of Lieut.-Gen. Brayne.	57
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Sir Thos. Vyner for 50*l.*, and take his bill of exchange for payment thereof to Capt. Gervas Harestaffe at York, for maintenance of Spanish prisoners.	59

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1658.				Vol. 192.
July 31	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the 2 accounts of Cornelius Burroughs, steward-general of the fleet at Jamaica, of all victuals received and issued in the West Indies for the ships and forces; also a book of accounts from the storekeeper at Jamaica, of all sea stores received and issued there to the ships; to consider whether the said accountants have charged themselves with all the provisions that have been sent from hence to Jamaica; also to charge the respective ships and officers with such as have been delivered to them, and to cause such particulars as relate to the gunners' stores issued to any of the gunners of the fleet to be sent to the Ordnance officers, that they may be charged to the account of the respective gunners; also to transcribe such part of the accounts as relate to stores or victuals issued to the officers or soldiers belonging to the army at Jamaica, and transmit them to the Admiralty Commissioners with speed.	60
" "	Shedricke Crispin, mariner.	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Navy Commissioners to sign his ticket for his wages for the time he served in the Martin, whence he exchanged into the Convertine. With order to the Navy Commissioners for payment, if there is no other objection than that it is written, not printed.	61
" "	Capt. Edm. Smith, *Hull.*	Ant. Wells	Has examined the account returned for washing, graving, and tallowing his frigate, and for the stores supplied, amounting to 44*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*, and desires he will pay it; with receipt by Wm. Blaydes for 31*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* in part thereof.	62
Aug. 1	Capt. Jno. Louyd, *Diamond, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has safely arrived with the victualler and Chestnut ketch, and is only waiting for a wind -	63
" 2	" - -	"	As the wind has come about to the north-east, is enabled to sail, but the master of the victualler is absent; not knowing whether he is detained by them, will remain in the Downs until he hears from them, or the master arrives.	64
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the account of Rich. Browne, of Pembroke, for necessaries supplied to the Bolring, Paradox, and Kinsale, and make out a bill for what is due.	65
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Hearing that the boatswains, with others sent down to the Downs, are on their trial, and that the boatswain of the Diamond is like to suffer punishment with the rest, desires they will remember their promise that he should be indemnified; if this is not performed, it will reflect upon him, who made it in their name, and will for the future lay a discouragement on the like. Has nothing to move in extenuation of his crime, but that he may have the mercy promised; hopes they will take such care that he may be released without punishment, and for that purpose write a word to the General.	66
" "	Col. Thos. Fitch, the *Citadel, Inverness.*	"	Being ordered to supply the stores with provisions for the garrison and field forces, in case it should be necessary to take the field, as also with ammunition and carriages for the guns in the citadel and castle, has ordered the Lieut.-Colonel, now going for London, to take care about them. Begs they will grant him a convoy.	67

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1658. Aug. 2	Navy Victuallers -	—	Account of the cost of victualling 100 men for a month, at the assumed price of provisions this year, total 84*l.* 19*s.* 5½*d.*, at 7¼*d.* per man per day. The salaries of the Victualling Office, &c., will be answered by the abatements made on what is paid to pursers, and flour, beverage, &c., in lieu of flesh and beer, in southern service.	Vol. 192. 68
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Being ordered by Lord Montague to go to Portsmouth to refit for the southern service, and hearing that a lieutenant will be borne upon his ship, requests they will confer the place on Barth. Capel, his master's mate, he having served under him in several ships for 7 years, and most of the time as a master's mate.	69
" 3	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting of the Langport at Portsmouth for the southern service, to carry 260 men and 50 guns.	70
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell for 37*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* and to Thos. Davies for 12*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*, disbursed by them as Admiralty messengers.	71
" 4	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Delivered their order to Capt. Wilkinson to victual at Hull; he sailed to-day and took a convoy with him. The Vulture has gone over with some Newcastle ships, laden with cloth and lead, and then to victual at Harwich. Hearing that the master's mate was not fit to be trusted with the command, put a sufficient man on board with him as pilot, and gave him private instructions what to do if need required. The captain recommends Richard Muns, a stout, able, and honest man, to command her, until he is again able to do so.	72
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Arrival, cleaning, and repairing of ships named - - - - - - -	73
" 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting of the Tiger at Woolwich for the southern expedition, to bear 160 men and 34 guns.	74
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Finds the Mayflower has a breach made under water, for 8 or 10 feet long and 6 or 7 feet deep, her gun deck blown up, and a great part of the upper deck shaken by the force of the blow; as she is so much broken up, it will be an advantage to put her up for sale at once, and let those who buy her be at the cost and trouble of removing her. The Beaver, which has been lying upon charge too long, is likewise brought to little better end; she was brought upon the careen yesterday, but her works under water being very bad, she sunk, so desires a speedy sentence upon her also.	75
" 6	Capt. Jno. Louyd, the *Diamond, Spithead.*	"	Left the Downs last Wednesday, with the victualler and Chestnut ketch, but meeting with gusty weather off the Isle of Wight, put into Spithead; waits a fair wind.	76

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1658. Aug. 6	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	At his last tallowing, gave an account of the insufficiency of his frigate for winter service. Has since been cruising on the Irish coast, in company of Capt. Cowes, by order of the Lord Deputy; also about Lundy and the Land's End, but has not seen any of the enemy. Having sprung a leak, and Capt. Cowes wanting victuals, they came in together; has since sprung another leak, and had 3 or 4 feet of water in the hold and his powder damaged; has hauled on shore to stop them.	Vol. 192. 77
„ „	Rob. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth, Hull.*	Navy Com^rs^	Cannot get provisions without order from the agent, who is in London. Met several Holland ships of 30 or 40 guns, who pretended they were convoying busses or going for Russia. Insisted on searching the hold of one, but found only provisions.	78
„ 7	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to examine the account of Rich. Browne, of Pembroke, of money disbursed for tallowing the Lizard, and to make out a bill for what is due.	79
„ 9	Capt. Nich. Parker, *Bryer, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	While with the Warwick and some ships from Rochelle, chased 3 Ostenders, leaving his convoy to follow, and took one of them, called the St. Anthony of Ostend, having 12 guns and 160 men, but lost 4 men in boarding her and had 5 wounded, the Ostender losing 10 or 12, and the captain being shot through the body. Left the Warwick in chase of the others, and meeting with a fleet of Bristol ships, and the wind changing, they all put into the Sound; will see them on their way the first opportunity.	80
„ 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 1,000*l.* for the discharge of debts for provisions upon the old declaration for the last year.	81
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for 3,000*l.* a-week for 4 weeks, commencing 14th June and determining 12th July last, for carrying on the victualling affairs upon the new declaration for the present year.	82
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Pitt for 20*l.*, for transacting affairs in the Downs enjoined him by the commander-in-chief there, for half a year ending the 7th inst., over and above his pay on the sea book.	83
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	If the Dragon comes in, will give her all despatch. Cleaning, repairing, and sailing of ships -	84
„ 11	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Swiftsure, Downs.*	„	Will order the ships going to the Maas or the Brill to acquaint Mr. Downing of their arrival, and to attend his directions. Has secured Thos. May, boatswain of the Nantwich, on board the Swiftsure, and sends his examination taken by the Judge-Advocate, admitting that he knows Jno. Bulmer, who was formerly in the fleet, and that he has seen him several times at the Red Lion, Deptford, but denying that he ever sold him any cordage, or ever received money from him; desires further order concerning him. Also that the Swiftsure and Richard may be supplied with boatswains in the place of those dismissed by the Court of War.	85, 86

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Aug. 11	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their warrant to Mr. Muns, who is going to Harwich to his charge, as is also Capt. Bevans from the North Seas, having but 3 days' victuals; he will wait there for orders. The herring fishing will begin in 14 days, and he is well adapted as a convoy for them, his ship drawing but little water. It is reported that 10 vessels laden with coals were taken last Sunday morning off the Spurn, by 3 of the enemies' men-of-war of from 10 to 24 guns each; is afraid they will do a great deal of harm. The Elizabeth, bound for Hull, is in the Roads waiting for a wind.	Vol. 192. 87
" "	Capt. Jno. Copping, *Langport, Portsmouth.*	"	Understands they have ordered him to take in 50 barrels more of powder than his store, but his own will be as much as can be stowed in the powder room; has no other place for it but the hold, if he takes in 6 months' provisions, and to put it there would be very dangerous; if he takes in 8 months' provisions, the ship will be so full that the powder cannot be stowed at all. Will heave down to-morrow, and hopes to have the careening done this week.	88
" 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Taylor for 150*l.* payable by the Treasurer of the Navy out of the Mardike money, and to charge the same as an imprest on his account, according to the directions of the Mardike Committee of Council.	89
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting of the Dragon at Chatham for the southern expedition, to bear 160 men and 36 guns.	90
" 13	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill of imprest to John Upton for 600*l.*, on account of provisions bought by his order for the navy.	91
" "	" - -	"	Order to examine the account of Rich. Browne, of Pembroke, for necessaries supplied to the Paradox, and make out a bill for what is due thereupon.	92
" "	" - -	"	Order to direct the speedy refitting of the Cheriton for service in the Channel - - -	93
" 16	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to John Hunt for 44*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*, disbursed by him for the diet of Lord Montague and other incidental expenses, while he was at Chatham in May last.	94
" "	Cap. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Bridlington Bay.*	"	Has been cruising in his station since 26 July last, and, wanting fresh water and meeting with very high winds, has been forced into Bridlington; having 7 weeks' provisions left, will hasten back as soon as his water is on board. As he may lose part of his inheritance left him by his father, through want of opportunity to stay on shore to settle the business, asks liberty for 8 days to go to Newcastle to secure his estate, and despatch other business of great concernment.	95
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Repair and victualling of ships. Recommends Jno. Taylor to succeed the deceased cook of the Vanguard.	96

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658.				Vol. 192.
Aug. 16	Peter Butler and 3 others.	—	Certificate to the good conduct of Rich. Harvey, as chaplain to the Satisfaction, in the voyage to St. Helena and back	97
„ 17	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the laying of two mooring chains at Chatham for mooring of the State's ships, in the same manner as has been done at Woolwich.	98
„ 21	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Capt. John Taylor for 500*l.* out of the Mardike money, charging the same as an imprest on his account.	99
„ „	Wm. Blaydes, *Hull.*	Adm.Com.	Capt. Penrose, of the Maidstone, having come in to transport soldiers to Mardike, supplied him with 26 tons of fresh ballast, and took his bill for the charge, amounting to 1*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* The Weymouth pink also arrived as convoy to the London ships from Yarmouth Roads, and was cleaned and furnished with what she required. Has ordered Ensign Rich. Elton to present the bills, and desires they will direct payment. With the order for payment 26 Aug.	100, 101
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	„	Cannot walk the streets or appear in the yard at Chatham but he is met with extreme complaints and cries by the lame and maimed persons; 140 that have above two years' due to them follow him openly, as if the debt were his. Makes it his earnest prayer that mercy or justice may prevail for their relief; they have no other to apply to but the Admiralty, who engaged to succour them in case of being maimed.	102
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting and cleaning of the Convert and Wakefield, the former at Woolwich and the latter at Chatham, for service in the Channel.	103
„ 24	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and companies of the Dragon and Tiger, reserving 3 months' in hand as accustomed.	104
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for payment of the Satisfaction at Woolwich - - - - - -	105
„ 25	[Jno. Stainforth], *Chelsea College.*	—	Note of 3 Spanish prisoners, private seamen, who have escaped - - - - -	106
„ 26	Rear Adm. Bourne, *Swiftsure, Downs.*	[Adm. Com.]	Has sent the Providence and Truelove to Woolwich, and will pursue their directions for victualling the small frigates on the other side; when the Bramble returns with her victuals from Dover, will send her to Newport in the room of the Acadia. Will advise with Sir Richard [Stayner] about recommending boatswains for the Richard and Swiftsure; had already sent the Cornelian to Ostend, being of small draft of water, as also the letter to Lord Lockhart by the Nonsuch -	107
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Repair, victualling, and sailing of ships. When the Langport arrives at Spithead, a survey should be made of all the officers' stores, that they may be assured they have what they indent for. Asks whether she is to remain in petty warrant while there, and whether to allow conduct money to a number of seamen who have come with their clothes to join her, they being importunate for it.	108

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1658. Aug. 26	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Milford Harbour.*	Adm. Com.	Gave notice that his frigate was very leaky. Since then has been on the Irish coast, but cannot possibly lie at sea; will ply between Milford and Lundy until he receives orders.	Vol. 192. 109
„ 27	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Received their order for the supplying victuals at Kinsale, and will send some ships. Hopes they have an agent there to tallow such as may be sent there to victual, but for more security, when he sends any, will give the captain credit or money to buy tallow before they take in victuals, so that they may be the fitter for service; other supplies of what is wanting to any frigate he sends shall be given here. There are several laden vessels at Plymouth, Dartmouth, and Topsham bound for Morlaix, and many there have long waited a convoy, which is earnestly desired; has ordered the Sorlings 14 days' provisions, and appointed her for that service. The Bryer, being much damaged by shot when she took the last man-of-war, is in harbour under repair. Particulars of ships.	110
„ 28	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to refit the Speaker, Plymouth, Centurion, Nonsuch, and Ruby for present service, and supply them with such stores as may render them fit to be kept out at sea the whole winter.	111
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Wrote them of his want of money to carry on the naval affairs, but has not received any answer, and is in great straits, there being much due to workmen, who are daily troubling him for their wages; it has been customary, ever since the State has had any work done at Harwich, to pay the wages as soon as due, there being no constant employment. For answering the necessities of such men as were willing to labour for the State as work came in, has disbursed 100*l.* in wages, although he had none in the bank, and has now not wherewith to defray the necessary expense of his family without borrowing; this, if considered, cannot but move them to give him a quick supply.	112
„ „	Jno. King, *John ketch, Nore Head.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has been daily cruising in his station and chased a man-of-war, but night coming on, lost him; no harm has yet been done there. Convoyed 2 hoys from Harwich to the river, one with powder on the State's account, and the other that had attended upon the taking up of the guns of the Liberty.	113
„ „	Capt. Jno. Pearce, *Lily, Downs.*	„	Is attending on Rear-Adm. Bourne to transport packets for Flanders and other services. John Smith, who was sent as cook, was welcome, although he stayed 5 weeks from his charge after the date of his warrant. He then was on board but 7 days before he went to Dover to victual, and the vessel being off the ground 6 months, he was disguised in drink every day, and after the ship was despatched, he stayed behind 25 days without notice. Knows not where he now is. He is also given to other vices.	114
„ „	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Weymouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has given Sir John Copplestone notice that he has been ready to transport his soldiers since the 20th inst., and has heard that some are marching from Hanniton. Having had a proportion of victuals taken out of his frigate while in the Downs, has not above 3 weeks' left.	115

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Aug. 29	Capt. Jno. Copping, *Langport, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Has been refitted at Portsmouth; his provisions are soon expected; will then be ready for further commands. Several voluntary seamen have come from London, and for their encouragement, as well as that of others expected, has engaged for their conduct money, and advanced it to some to bring down their clothes, not questioning but that the Commissioners will grant order for repayment at Spithead. Asks for an order for a new saine which is in the stores at Portsmouth, as there is an absolute necessity for it, for the refreshing and relief of his men when at short allowance, if bound for the Straits. With order thereon in the Admiralty Committee 31 Dec. for the Navy Commissioners to give such directions as they think meet.	Vol. 192. 116, 117
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Arrival, cleaning, victualling, and departure of ships - - - - - -	118
" 30	Capt. Abr. Allgate, the *Oxford, Spithead.*	"	Has been prevented getting over to St. Malo with his convoy through contrary winds, but has brought the vessels from Dartmouth, Topsham, and Lyme to the rest in Weymouth Roads, where the Lark also is with her convoy. Having but 8 days' provisions, and the Lark being also short, conferred with Capt. Lardge, who advised him to make to Portsmouth for a month's provisions, and to provide the Lark with half, so that both of them could perform the service; but since coming to Spithead, has been prevented getting on shore by the weather. Capt. Thorowgood will send on board what is needed, when he will return to Weymouth Roads and proceed with the convoys. Has not heard of any of the enemies being upon the coast, except two shallops of two guns each near Lyme, but they made little stay.	119
" "	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Swiftsure, Downs.*	"	Has sent up the Flemish vessel brought in by the Dartmouth to Woolwich, and acquainted the Commissioners for Prize Goods therewith; sent instructions to the Nantwich to go there also to refit, and as soon as the Assurance, Newcastle, and Pembroke arrive, will send them to Portsmouth to victual.	120
" "	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth Sound.*	"	Plying on his station, between the mouth of the Channel and off Scilly, chased and took the St. Mary, belonging to the Irish, having 4 guns and 35 men; it was commanded by Jas Long, an Irishman, who had a commission from James Stuart, whom they call Duke of York. The wind changing was forced to carry his prize into Milford, but has since delivered her up to the Prize Officers at Plymouth, and sent his prisoners, who are nearly all Irish, to the castle there. Waits orders from Capt. Hatsell.	121
" 31	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Truelove at Woolwich -	122
" "	" - -	"	Like order for the Providence at Woolwich - - - - - - -	123

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1658.				Vol. 192.
Aug. 31	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Elizabeth, Buoy of the Nore.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed the vessel with powder from Hull, also 3 others laden for London on the 20th inst., and the next day got through Yarmouth Roads, where he anchored, and having had contrary winds ever since, has only just gained the Nore. Is very scant of provisions, has neither beer nor water, and has been unable to send a boat on shore for 11 days. Had the greatest storm yesterday he has seen for many years; one vessel cut her mainmast by the board, and 3 drove ashore by him, and all the anchors and cables he had were little enough to hold him.	124
„ „	Jno. Kirke and Stephen Turner, *Woolwich.*	—	Information against Mr. Ackworth. Being in the house of Hen. Hurst, in Plum Street, with Jos. Churchman and Mr. Whiteing, surgeon of the yard at Woolwich, and having some discourse about Ackworth, the storekeeper at Woolwich yard, Hurst complained that he had put him out of his place there the better to act his deceits, and that he was the veriest knave living, as he not only wasted the candles and other stores for his own use, to the amount of 200*l.* a year, but had also sold two copper boilers of the value of 30*l.* or 40*l.*, and that he could declare enough to hang him; but as he had such great friends, he durst not meddle with him. Also the following propositions by informants: 1st. Whether the ground at the upper end of the State's yard, formerly in the possession of Mr. Sheldon, clerk of the Check, and lying within the common pale of the State's ground, does not belong to the State, although Ackworth keeps possession, and pretends to pay rent for it? 2nd. Whether Ackworth's letting a person have a room over the State's chief storehouse, with a trap door in it, is according to his trust? 3rd. Whether the clearing out of one of the lofts in the State's storehouse, and thrusting the oakum and hair together, to make room to lay a great quantity of corn, is according to his trust? or not? With notes of the examination of Hen. Hurst, late clerk to Mr. Ackworth, charging him with embezzling candles and other stores, some of which he used, and sold the remainder; also of Jos. Lawrence, that he knows nothing of the barrels of nails conveyed by Ackworth to some of his tenants, beyond what he has heard from Capt. Taylor and from one of Ackworth's tenants living at Woodbridge, and that when he sent for money to repair his house, Ackworth sent him nails.	125, 126
„ „	Gabriel Evans -	Adm. Com.	Repeats his information of 12 July against Jas. Lashly or Leslie, gunner of the Convert, adding that Leslie threatened him, while in the North Sea, for reporting the above to the captain, Rowland Bevans.	127
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships on the 1st, 5th, and 31st inst. - - -	128–130
				Vol. 193.
Sept. 1	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Weymouth Roads.*	„	Thanks for leave to remain on shore while he was sick. Since then the Commissioner at Plymouth has ordered him, with Capt. Allgate, of the Oxford, to convoy some vessels from Plymouth, Dartmouth, Topsham, Lyme, and elsewhere to St. Malo, but having been detained by contrary winds and foul weather, and their provisions growing short, Capt. Allgate went to Portsmouth for a supply for himself and the Lark, leaving the latter in the Roads with 8 sail bound for St. Malo. Expects his return to-day, and they will then proceed on their voyage. Had a most violent storm last Sunday and Monday, which forced one vessel from Newfoundland under convoy to cut her mainmast by the board, and another was forced on shore, but her men were saved.	1

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1658.				Vol. 193.
Sept. 1	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Will proceed to the Downs as ordered, and take several others with him under convoy - -	2
" "	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Weymouth Roads.*	"	Heard from Sir Jno. Copplestone that the soldiers would arrive at Weymouth last Monday, and now hears they will come to-day ; if they do, will quickly have them on board, and transport them.	3
" 2	" "	"	Sir Jno. Copplestone came to Weymouth yesterday and 78 soldiers to-day, and as there are not any more coming at present, is about sailing with them. When last in Dunkirk Road, received some victuals from the Naseby, which he thought was for his own use, but on returning to the Downs, it was demanded back as having been put on board his ship as a store for her use -	4
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson for 27*l.* 15*s.*, disbursed by him upon journeys and other occasions for the service of the Fleet.	5
" "	Capt. Abr. Allgate, the *Oxford, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Hearing of false reports made by his gunner and boatswain, that he might have taken the man-of-war he chased a month since if he had done his uttermost, can only say that nothing was neglected which he judged needful to hasten up with him ; begs investigation, as if he should suffer from such abuses, it would render him odious amongst his men, and unfit to command them, they being enemies to the truth, and hating the very appearance of godliness, refusing to hearken to reproof or counsel, though tendered in never so much love to them. Enquired of the boatswain, in presence of Captains Tippetts and Woolters, touching what he had said. He first denied it, but when brought face to face, could say little or nothing for himself. Desires that such things may be rightly weighed, and that the innocent may not be condemned with the faulty.	6
" "	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne [*Downs*].	"	Conferred with Sir Rich. Stayner as to a fit boatswain for the Richard. Crabb on board of her, formerly a master and master's mate, and Trippett are proposed. Has no one on board his own ship to recommend; advises her supply by removing the boatswain of the Worcester, Bridgwater, or Assistance, all recommended by their commanders. Has sent the Dartmouth with 80 sail of herring fishers to the fishing grounds off North Yarmouth, and ordered him to protect and guard them during the fishing season there and off the North and South Foreland ; when the Lily returns from Dover, cleaned and victualled, will send her to assist him, as also the Eaglet ketch when she ~~returns from Dunkirk as con~~voy to some vessels laden with horse. The Adventure has arrived with several vessels under convoy from the westward, and is ordered by Capt. Hatsell to attend for further orders, but she wants a new mainmast, repairing, and victualling, to enable her to keep at sea. The Cheriton has also arrived, and is going for Dunkirk.	7

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1658.				Vol. 193.
Sept. 2	Capt. Peter Motham, *Foresight, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	On arriving at Plymouth, received order from Commissioner Hatsell to supply the Gainsborough with 14 days' provisions, and to sail to Portsmouth and report to the Admiralty Commissioners. While at sea the last month, plied off Scilly, and endeavoured to speak with all the vessels he could, but could not gather anything from them worth noticing.	8
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Refitting, victualling, and sailing of ships - - - - - - -	9
„ „	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Elias, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Has arrived with most of the Iceland fleet; hopes the rest are safe, but they were separated by a violent storm last Monday. Has not seen the Amity since Saturday night, when she lost both him and them, save about 8 of the Fishery who were with her, and who then steered a more inwardly course; is hourly expecting them in the Roads. Has been on short allowance above 3 months, and his victuals nearly exhausted.	10
„ 3	„ „	„	The Amity, with the rest of the fleet, have safely arrived, many of them being much disabled by the late storm, which caused her stay.	11
„ „	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Got to Iceland on the 4th ult., and departed on the 10th, with the Elias and 72 sail of fishermen; but meeting with very bad weather, had to lay to off Buffon Ness, to take up and preserve those which were disabled; has brought them into Yarmouth Roads to-day. The Amity is very strong and tight, has a month's provisions, and if cleaned, will not be inferior to any in sailing. Waits orders.	12
„ „	Jas. Disbrowe, J. Clarke, *Prize Office, London.*	„	Rear-Adm. Bourne having sent up the Love of Amsterdam to Woolwich, have sent down their officers to seize her. John Gardner and his crew having brought her up, asks what they deserve, and it shall be paid on their order.	13
„ „	Capt. John. Taylor, *Chatham Dock.*	„	The Plymouth is fitted and ready for her men, victuals, and ordnance; the Dragon is almost victualled, and may sail next Monday to the Hope, and the Wakefield is tallowed and ready to victual.	14
„ 4	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance, Ostend Road.*	„	Sends a survey made by Hen. Tilden and 5 others of the damage received by the Expedition, commanded by Capt. Edw. Thomson, before Ostend, which is so great that she is not fit to continue upon that station; also a certificate of Christ. Pett and Saml. Raven that when she was at Woolwich, she ought to have been docked, but was only repaired for a Channel voyage. Arrived at Ostend on 25 Aug., and Capt. Blake left the next day; since then has had a continual storm, some days it being more violent than others, and particularly on the 30th, when anchors and cables would not hold, many were lost, and his ship received such hard knocks that she and others had like to have foundered, and the Cornelian, not being able to endure it, cut her cables and endeavoured for Flushing. Besides the defects in the Expedition, 55 of her company are sick and dead, and 20 of the former are now on shore; but only having her, and 2 or 3 of the enemies' frigates being daily expected out, is constrained to detain her 2 or 3 days longer, when he will send her home.	15–17

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1658.				Vol. 193.
Sept. 4	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Nonsuch has been repaired and victualled, and is ready to sail to Spithead, but having spared 4 of her guns to the army at Dunkirk, the captain desires order for a supply. The Foresight having come in, asks whether she is to be graved, and whether he shall enter men on board the Ruby if they offer themselves; as she is off the ground and ready to take in her provisions, her purser or steward ought to be present.	18
„ „	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Received their further commands respecting the Nonsuch and Ruby, and having added 20 workmen, will give them and other ships all possible dispatch. Asks whether the Assistance and Pembroke, which are expected in, are to be sheathed, that provision may be made.	19
„ 6	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Elizabeth at Woolwich -	20
„ „	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, off Lynn Deeps.*	Adm. Com.	The ketch being foul, and having only 14 days' victuals left, desires further commands - -	21
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Convoyed several vessels to the Brill, by order of Major Burton, and acquainted the Resident there of his arrival on the 18th ult.; he gave him a packet to deliver with all speed; was detained there by storms and contrary winds until the 4th inst., when he came out with 11 convoys, with whom he has now arrived. As his victuals will expire on the 10th inst., will ply in his station until it is expended; desires order meantime where to go for a supply. Hears that the Vulture, which came on the coast of Holland, with a vessel out of the Roads, on the 28th, was forced into Emling by the storm, and that she lost two anchors and cables, cut her mainmast by the board, and heaved 2 guns, &c., overboard.	22
„ 7	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the refitting of the Newbery at Chatham, and supplying her with stores sufficient to enable her to keep out the whole winter.	23
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the repair of the Elizabeth at Woolwich, that she may be ready for any emergency -	24
„ „	Capt. Gervas Harestaffe, *Clifford Tower.*	Adm. Com.	Sends the names of 37 Flemish prisoners mustered by him in York Castle; none have died, escaped, or been exchanged since his last.	25
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Received order on the 4th inst. from Rear-Adm. Bourne to convoy several ships bound out of the Channel westward until he met some of the western guard, who were then to see them 100 leagues south-west; but in case he did not meet with any of the guard, he was to proceed with them himself. The wind proving contrary, however, he was forced to put into the Isle of Wight, where he arrived on the 5th inst.	26
„ „	„ „	„	Understanding there is an embargo on the ships bound southward, desires order for further proceedings.	27

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1658. Sept. 7	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	All hands are at work on the Ruby, and if men are not wanting when she is launched, to rig and take in her provisions, she will soon be dispatched. The Nonsuch is taking in her beer, and will soon be ready to sail. The Winsby has passed through the Roads, with 16 sail bound towards Bordeaux and Rochelle.	Vol. 193. 28
„ 8	Thos. Wilson - -	—	Certificate that Rich Light, late steward of the Plymouth, has passed his accounts from 23 Mar. 1653–4 to 13 Oct. 1655, and received his wages for that time; also certificate of Thos Sprigge and Thos. Lewis, Dec. 1658, that Light has passed his accounts in the Victualling Office from 13 Dec. 1655–6 to 18 Dec. 1657.	29, 30
„ 9	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting of the Nantwich at Woolwich, and her supply with such a proportion of stores as may enable her to keep out the winter.	31
„ „	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Arrived at Elsinore the 1st Aug., where he found the Norwich, as also two fleets, one of 16 sail bound for Scotland, and the other of 19 sail for Hull and London. Put to sea with the fleets, and parted company near the Naze, himself taking the fleet for Scotland, and Capt. Nutton that for Hull and London. Saw all his fleet to their ports, and then went to Dalkeith, to wait on General Monk, who ordered him 7 weeks' victuals, which was all there were in Scotland; believes he shall come to the Roads next week, with a fleet bound for London. When at Whitehall, gave them an account of the weakness of his frigate, and she is now so open above water that no oakum will keep in her seams, so that there is not a man that has a dry cabin, and the great cabin is as bad as any place in her for wet. Has caused the carpenters to put tarpaulins upon her quarters, but to no purpose; never saw a ship give so much way, but under water she is as firm as any in England, and if repaired and cleaned, as stout a ship with a sail as any 4th-rate frigate can be. If they give order to Capt. Taylor to strip her upper deck he will find many timbers that have been shot and nothing put in their room but chocks to keep the work straight, as Capt. Smith very well knows, for he was then at Portsmouth.	32
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *London.*	Navy Com^rs	Has perused Mr. Furzer's plan, and finds his length and breadth will do, but his depth in the hold of 13 feet 6 in. is 8 inches too little; if this is altered, with some defects in the midship bend and lines, as shown him, she may do very well. With note that the length by the keel is to be 104 feet; breadth, without the plank, 32 feet 8 in.; and depth in hold 14 feet 4 in.	33
„ „	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Milford.*	Adm. Com.	Has been about Lundy and the Channel, but neither heard nor seen any of the enemy. Has heard to-day of the death of his Highness, his late lord and master, and of the happy establishment of his Highness the Lord Rich. Cromwell in his father's stead; of the latter, he and his company are very joyful. Will return to the Channel, and call in at Milford once a week for further commands, but cannot keep the sea in foul weather, the frigate being so very leaky.	34

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658.				Vol. 193.
Sept. 9	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Lewis Hawkins to succeed the cook of the Portsmouth, who died yesterday; he is a very able seaman, and suffered much loss on the burning of the Paragon.	35
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth, Tynemouth.*	Adm. Com.	Spoke the Newcastle and Pembroke off Scarborough; while riding at anchor in the late storm, broke 2 of his cables and lost his pinnace. After convoying some Hull ships southward, put his old cables on shore at Harwich, but only received one in return and no pinnace; the carpenter has promised to build him one by the time he returns.	36
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	37
" 10	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Desired the surgeon of the hospital to take the best care he could of the prisoners, and none have died lately, but several have recovered. The marshal having stated that there are now 50 sick, and several with the spotted fever, and that the room where they are is not large enough, has given direction for enlarging it, as also for preventing infection. The Sorlings has come in with 14 vessels from Morlaix, and wants cleaning; will order Capt. Morris to convoy those bound towards London as far as the Isle of Wight.	38
" "	Elia Palmer, Wm. Billers, *Ordnance Office.*	"	On passing the accounts of Jno. Miller, gunner of the Wakefield, find that more than a ton of powder has been consumed, for the most part in saluting castles, towns, and persons; have sharply reproved him for it, but as he was under the command of Capt. Baskett, who ordered it, and has vouched his accounts, have passed them, but submit the captain and the case to their censure.	39
" "	Elia Palmer, Jno. Falkner, *Ordnance Office.*	"	Certify, at the request of Robt. Willis, master of the Diver hoy, that they have received brass culverins mentioned, recovered by him, formerly belonging to the Liberty. With note of the wages due to his men; total 79*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.*	40, 41
" "	Capt. Mic. Nutton, the *Norwich, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Took charge, by order of Gen. Monk, of a convoy at Dundee bound for Elsinore, where he found 15 sail bound for Scotland and several for England, which he would have seen as far as he could, his orders being for Scotland, but Capt. Allen coming in went aboard him, when it was agreed that Allen should take those bound for Scotland, and himself those for England, the latter being 15 sail, and laden with tar, hemp, and corn. Left Elsinore the 9th ult., but was put back by contrary winds, and twice into Norway, but kept both fleets together, and agreed to do so until 20 leagues to the west of the Naze of Norway, where they parted on the 3rd inst. Will see his fleet to the Lee Road, and then wait on them for orders; his frigate is foul; he has but 6 days' victuals, and wants cables and sails.	42
" "	Capt. Valentine Tatnell, *Adventure, Chatham River.*	"	Has just arrived, by order of Rear-Adm. Bourne, and desires orders - - - -	43

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Sept. 11	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Taylor for 300*l.*, payable out of the moneys of Mardike, charging the same as an imprest on his account.	Vol. 193. 44
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting of the Adventure at Chatham, for service in the Channel - -	45
" "	Col. Hen. Smith, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Has enquired for the names of the masters and vessels lately taken on the coast, and finds they are a flyboat belonging to Ipswich, a small vessel of York, one of Newcastle, and one of Burlington; one of Hull was carried to Flushing, and there were 3 others, but cannot learn to what place they belonged. The cloth ships bound for Dort have been convoyed from Hull to Yarmouth Roads by Capt. Nixon, but those bound for Hamburg being great vessels deeply laden, and of very great value, the merchants dare not venture them that way—there being so much danger on that coast, in respect of the sands—and have prevailed with Capt. Holland to sail with them 30 leagues from his station. Hears that 15 Dutch men-of-war went out of Amsterdam towards the Sound on the 10th inst., and that there were 6,000 soldiers on board; Geo. Loggan, master of a ship from Norway, saw a fleet not far from the Sound, which he conceived were those before mentioned.	46
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	"	The Dunbar being now in the dry dock, desires that 3 of the Navy Commissioners may be appointed to view her, and agree as to what is fit to be done to make her serviceable.	47
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Dockyard.*	"	Will grave and tallow the frigates when they come in. Told the captain of the Foresight to use his victuals, to prevent decay, or he would have gone into petty warrant, which he will have to do next Monday. Will enter men on the Ruby, and send the Nonsuch to Spithead.	48
" 12	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	"	The Tredagh and other ships have come in to repair and victual, also a small vessel with corn, which was taken by Capt. Symonds. The Expedition has also arrived, having landed an ambassador at Calais from Flushing.	49
" "	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Gave notice of the expiration of his victuals on the 10th inst.; has been on short allowance since, expecting an answer. Hearing there is none at Harwich, is going to the Hope, by order of Major Burton.	50
" "	Capt. Rich. Muns, *Hague.*	"	Saw a convoy safe to the Maas, by order of Major Burton, but in returning, lost his anchors, cables, masts, rigging, and 2 guns, in a storm, and shipped so much water that it split his boat upon the deck, so was forced to throw it overboard; his frigate was so leaky that it necessitated continuous pumping and baling, which his men performed most courageously. Put into the Hague and applied to the English Resident, who gave order to a merchant at Amsterdam to supply what he needed, to the amount of 200*l.*; will refit with expedition, and return to his station; hopes they will order payment of the money.	51

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1658. Sept. 12	Geo. Downing, Resident, *the Hague.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Rich. Muns, commander of the Vulture, reported that, after convoying some vessels from Yarmouth to the Maas, he lost his two best anchors and cables, was forced to cut down his mainmast, and was in great danger of perishing in the late storm; that he did not know what to do for money to refit, and that if he stayed until he received an order from the Admiralty Commissioners his men's wages and victuals would come to as much as would fit him to sea, as also that he was appointed to guard the fishers, who might be prejudiced by his long stay; has given him credit to a merchant at Amsterdam for 200*l.*, and desires order, that he may be able to charge a bill of exchange on them for reimbursing the merchant, as also some authority for doing the same service again on like occasion.	Vol. 193. 52
" "	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Lynn Deeps.*	"	Is waiting orders, the ketch being very foul, and having only 7 days' provisions left. Is sorry to hear of the great change which has happened to the nation, but much rejoices to hear the government is settled on so hopeful a prince as his Highness, Richard, Lord Protector, to whom he acknowledges all fidelity.	53
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Has received a letter for Capt. Wright of the Fame, but he having waited some time for orders to revictual, advised him to sail for the Thames.	54
" 13	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, off the Ness.*	"	Has been plying on his station, and convoyed several vessels up and down the Swinn; asks whether to convoy those laden with merchants' goods from Orfordness to the Yarmouth Roads. Has only 7 days' provisions left; will remain out until it is expended, and then return to Harwich.	55
" "	Navy Com. - -	"	Send a petition from 46 seamen formerly belonging to the Speaker, 8 of the Wakefield, 7 of the Mermaid, 4 of the Drake, and 14 of the Nightingale, prisoners in Ghent, desiring that 6 weeks' pay out of the wages due to them may be sent forthwith, as they are almost naked, and in a country so extremely cold that several of them have lost their feet, many have died, and the remainder are all sick, and in a deplorable condition. With a list of the whole, and another list of 30 of the above prisoners.	56–59
" "	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Landed the soldiers at Dunkirk, and is now ordered to Ostend by the rear-admiral, but his ship is so defective from the blows she received there that he fears she will not be able to abide a storm; is told she will not stay long there.	60
" "	Jno. Stainforth -	Adm. Com.	Certifies, at request of Frances Beverley and others, the names of Spanish seamen and soldiers prisoners in Chelsea College, taken in the Flying Fame, Virgin Mary, St. Civilliano of Havannah, and the St. Peter of Ostend, by the ships of the Commonwealth.	61
" 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson for his pay, &c., as vice-admiral of the fleet, from 18 Feb. 1657–8 to the time the Speaker was paid off, at 40*s.* a day.	62
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting of the Norwich at Deptford, for service in the Channel - -	63

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Sept. 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Nonsuch and Wakefield, reserving 3 months, as accustomed.	Vol. 193. 64
" "	" - -	"	Order to make an allowance to Robt. Lord of the pay of a lieutenant of a 4th-rate frigate, for the time he served as lieutenant in the Satisfaction.	65
" "	" - -	"	Order to suspend the wages due to Capt. Jno. Baskett, commander of the Wakefield, until further order.	66
" "	Capt. John Baskett, the *Wakefield, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has received their sharp reproof from Mr. Blackborne, concerning an unnecessary expense of powder, on the information of the Ordnance officers, as also notice that his pay is stopped, to which he will freely submit, but is confident he has not given order for the firing of one picee of ordnance more than might conduce either to the honour or profit of those whom he has served. When he first came to Chatham, sent all his ammunition to the Tower to be exchanged, it being for the most part useless, and has not yet received a recruit. Will sail to-morrow with his convoy, or if it comes down, to-day. If his frigate is paid, begs he may have the same privilege as his men.	67
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, Thos. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	"	Have surveyed the boatswain, gunner, and carpenter's stores on board the Langport at Spithead, and compared them with the indents, and find the 2 latter agree, but the boatswain having 2 four-inch cables more than he indented for, which he alleged he saved by good husbandry, has ordered them to be brought into the stores; hopes this will put them into some fear, not to dare to embezzle anything now on board. Finding the Nonsuch delivered 4 guns while at Dunkirk, by order of Gen. Montague, have supplied him with 4 others.	68
" 15	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Hope.*	"	Gave an account of the shortness of his provisions; has since gone to short allowance and stayed in the Road, expecting an answer, until Mr. Burton advised him to come up to the Hope. Asks where to go for a supply.	69
" 16	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make an allowance to Robt. Willis, diver, of 20*s.* per cwt. for 4 brass guns, formerly belonging to the Liberty and sunk at Harwich, as also for 2 anchors and a broken copper furnace recovered by him. With receipt of the guns, &c., by John Davies, 13 Sept.	70, 71
" "	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends an account of the stations of the Downs squadron, with particulars of their provisions, as also of the arrival and departure of ships named, and their victualling. Asks what to do with 4 prisoners he has on board, as also with 2 on board the Bridgwater, who were in a prize which was retaken by the Selby 2 months since. Capt. Lambert, who is before Nieuport, believes they expect an assault there shortly, as they are daily burning the houses at both ends of the town.	72, 73
" "	Capt. Edm. Curtis, the *Newcastle, Spithead.*	"	Has been on the coast of Norway and Jutland, amongst the English fishermen, as also the north parts of England, but has not seen any pickeroons, nor heard of any but one about Norway. Will go for Portsmouth, but has experienced much rough weather lately. Desires leave for 14 days to go to Dartmouth on business; his lieutenant will look after the ship while in harbour.	74

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1658. Sept. 16	Capt. Jno. Louyd, *Diamond, Falmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying off the Lizard, where he experienced much foul weather, the Chestnut ketch having spent her tiller, and the Brother's Adventure sprung a leak, they all made for land, to prevent further damage. Met a Frenchman with some bankers from Newfoundland, who was set upon by 2 Biscay men-of-war, of 14 and 34 guns; they boarded one of the bankers, and killed and wounded most of her men, and were at last put off, but not without much damage to all the rest of the fleet, they being much shattered by the enemies' guns. Since then there have been some men-of-war in and about the Channel, who have come close up, but by reason of his charge, and having several other merchantmen committed to his care by Comr. Hatsell, it was not convenient to give them chase.	Vol. 193. 75
„ 17	Capt. Sam. Sharland, the *Kinsale, Milford Haven.*	„	Will sail for Deptford, his frigate being so weak and leaky that he cannot keep at sea - -	76
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Arrival and cleaning of ships - - - - - - - - - -	77
„ „	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Convoyed several vessels from Exeter to Newhaven, with the Bryer, by order of Capt. Hatsell, and brought some back; having only 10 days' provisions left, is going with Capt. Parker to Kinsale, to tallow and victual. Complains of his master, Timothy Clamp, who has much neglected his duties through drink; as he wishes to leave his employment, recommends Wm. Jones, who served under him in the Nightingale, to succeed Clamp.	78
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Thos. Hampton, minister of the Ruby, for 5*l.* imprest on account of his pay.	79
„ 18	„ - -	„	Order for refitting the Newcastle, Pembroke, and Assurance, at Portsmouth, and supplying them with stores to keep out the winter.	80
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Desires payment of a bill for 34*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* to his brother Richard, for loss occasioned by putting to sale, by order, of provisions taken up by him for the use of soldiers belonging to Col. Salmon's regiment, who were ordered to be transported to Mardike, but were not sent. Had an order 9 months since from the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners for payment, but on its being presented to the Treasurer, he refused to pay it; it was again presented to the Admiralty Commissioners, but to no purpose, and his brother has been put off from one man to another ever since.	81
„ „	Capt. J. King, *John ketch, Rolling Ground.*	„	Has been plying on his station, and hearing that 2 men-of-war had taken a fisherman, gave chase, and would have captured one of them but for night coming on; nevertheless rescued the fisherman.	82
„ „	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	„	Convoyed several vessels from Morlaix to Portsmouth, by order of Capt. Hatsell, and then returned to his station, but having spent his mainmast, was forced to come in again, and the commissioner has promised a new one. If he can, will get to Plymouth with the 4 days' provisions left; but if not, must take some at Portsmouth.	83

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1658. Sept. 18	Thos. Betteridge -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of gunner of the Truelove; has served in her and on the Wren 2 years. With certficate by John Smith and 2 others.	Vol. 193. 84
„ 19	Rear - Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	„	Delivered their orders, which arrived with the victualling ship, to Capt. Sanders and Mr. Morley, who will sail the first opportunity. On hearing of the arrival at Dover of Capt. Bourcher, with the money for the soldiers at Dunkirk, ordered the Hawk ketch to take him in, and to sail over with the Rose pink, which was going as a convoy to some vessels bound thither with horses; will provide a vessel for the transport of Lord Herbert and Lord Bruce with his lady to Dieppe. Capt. Lambert Cornelius, of the Bramble, has come in with a prize called the White Fortune of Amsterdam, laden with salt, which he took going into Ostend, and has sent her to the Sub-Commissioners at Dover. Encloses the examination of John Gelove Johnson, her master, taken by Judge-Advocate Fowler on board the Richard. Has supplied Mr. Cook with a vessel to carry the wounded soldiers from Dover up the River. Particulars of ships.	85, 86
„ „	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Bridlington Bay.*	„	Has come in for ballast and water, and to repair the pump; his foremast being rotten, and having only two weeks' provisions left, desires order where to go to refit and victual.	87
„ 20	Capt. Rich. Hodges, *Basing, Beaumaris.*	„	Has been plying at sea; putting into Kinsale for two months' victuals, received order from the Lord Deputy at Dublin to transport Dr. Waterhouse and Mr. Underwood, with their servants, to Beaumaris or Holyhead. Is about to return to Dublin, but is in great want of sails, cordage, &c.	88
„ „	Capt. Rich. Muns, *Amsterdam.*	„	Has used all diligence to refit the frigate, and hopes to be at sea on the Texel within 3 days. Cannot give a perfect account of the whole charge, not having got in all the bills, but will send it.	89
„ „	Ordnance officers -	Navy Com^rs	Have lodged 2,000 barrels of new powder with Commissary Thos. Knight, at Windsor Castle, to remain there until further order, but having great quantities to issue for the supply of several garrisons, and also to ships fitting out for sea, for which there is not sufficient new powder in the Tower, desire order to Knight to deliver such quantities as he shall receive directions for from the Ordnance Office, and they will send him more as it comes in.	90
„ „	Capt. Gab. Sanders, *Tiger, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Will prosecute their orders, but his gunner being sick at Gravesend, and not able to go the voyage, has committed the charge to Wm. Cotterell, gunner's mate, who has been with him 4 or 5 years; recommends him to succeed the gunner, having the indenture and instructions and all things complete.	91

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1658.				Vol. 193.
Sept. 21	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting of the Elias and Expedition at Deptford, for service in the Channel.	92
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Taylor, master shipwright at Chatham, at the rate of 200*l.* a year, for his care and pains between 30 June 1657 and 30 June 1658, deducting the salary he has received within that time on the ordinary.	93
" "	" - -	"	Order for the repair of the Tredagh and Yarmouth at Woolwich, and the Jersey at Deptford -	94
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and companies of the Tredagh, Yarmouth, and Jersey, lately come up to the River.	95
" "	Capt. Jno. Grove, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Being ordered to Portsmouth to sail with the fleet there, and knowing the great want of his company of money, as the Nonsuch has been paid off to within 3 months, hopes that the same favour will be extended to his men, who have 22 months' pay due; also that his surgeon's chest may be recruited, it having been much exhausted through the sickness of the men since he went northward, and that he may have a supply of tickets for some sick men, who are not fit to go the voyage.	96
" "	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Is ordered by Capt. Hatsell to go with Capt. Parker to Kinsale to tallow and revictual, and then to lie at the mouth of the Channel till his provisions are expended. Capt. Hatsell, with Capt. Heaton and other commanders, has enquired into the negligence of his master, and finding him very unworthy, and desiring discharge, ordered a ticket to be given him, and he to be let go.	97
" "	Capt. John Smith -	—	Certificate that Thos. Hople has served well under him as master carpenter of the Truelove.	98
" 22	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Sanders and Mr. Morley are still prevented getting out through a westerly wind, but will go the first opportunity, as will Capt. Haddock, to whom he has delivered their orders. Was forced to send the Portsmouth with Capt. Compton, who had a message from his Highness for Dunkirk; on her return, will retain her to answer special commands. Most of the ships in the Downs are getting short of provisions; has sent to Dover for a week's supply for the Essex.	99
" "	Capt. Jeffery Dare -	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Wants employment, having been in the service ever since he was taken by the Dutch fleet off Dover, at the beginning of the war, when he lost his ship and estate, whereupon the then Generals at sea, commiserating his great loss and sad condition, gave him a command. Was in most of the Dutch engagements, and continued in service until his return from Jamaica in the Bear, the last of 5 ships he has commanded. Has been without employment 14 months, and has a wife, 6 children, and an aged mother, and nothing to maintain them but a small tenement, which he must sell unless he can get employment. Cannot get into the merchant service unless he could buy part of a ship, and partly freight her.	100

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1658. Sept. 22	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The Canary ships, which were under Capt. Sansum's convoy, he left in Torbay, under charge of the Gainsborough, one of the western guard, who was to convoy them 100 leagues to sea, so that it will be needless calling in at any of the western ports for them. There are several merchantmen in the Downs bound westward, which he will take care of; wishes the other Canary ships in the river were with them. His carpenter having just died, after 8 days' sickness, recommends Edw. Goodwin, his mate, who has been long in the service, to succeed him.	Vol. 193. 101
" "	Capt. Robt. Mackey, the *Yarmouth, Woolwich.*	"	After receiving an order from Adm. Stoakes to come for England, had another to take in custody, and bring to England, Wm. Barrett, a seaman, who was apprehended at Leghorn for the murder of Peter Pelly, master of the Concord. On arriving in the Downs, the rear-admiral said he had nothing to do with the case, and directed him to proceed to Woolwich, and refer to the Admiralty Court. Having the man still on board, and in irons, desires order concerning him.	102
" "	Capt. Jno. Simmonds, the *Jersey, Deptford.*	"	Has just arrived, and asks order as to the disposal of his frigate - - - - -	103
" 23	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford Haven.*	"	Landed Dr. Worth at Waterford, and then plied in his station until forced into Milford by foul weather. The Irish coast is clear of pirates; since he has been there, less damage has been done by the enemy than in any former year; it has not been for want of looking after them that they have escaped.	104
" "	Jno. Froud - -	"	Presented a petition, certificate, and recommendation for the minister's place in the Mermaid; being poor, and having travelled from Plymouth at his own charge to offer his services, and lying at great expense, desires a speedy answer; also an order for payment of 4 months' wages for his services in the Lichfield.	105
" "	Capt. Jno. Grove, the *Pembroke, Portsmouth.*	"	Asks to retain the 4 guns he took from the Ostenders, the Admiralty Commissioners having promised that if he could get any more, he might use them.	106
" "	Capt. Robt. Kirby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Is hastening the refitting and victualling of his ship; will take in the two demi-cannon formerly belonging to the Ruby, which the Ordnance officers have directed Mr. Newbery to deliver him, and which will be very useful.	107
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Cleaning and victualling of ships - - - - - - - - -	108
" "	Capt. Jno. Woolters, *Nonsuch, Spithead.*	"	Thanks for payment of the wages due to his men, who are now quiet, and his fears frustrated; as soon as he has taken in the remainder of his provisions, will sail and prosecute their orders.	109

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1658.				Vol. 193.
Sept. 22	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to hire the Swallow ketch to attend on the Speaker frigate in the present expedition; also to hire another to attend the Swiftsure, if she has not one.	110
" "	" - -	"	Order for the refitting of the Swiftsure at Chatham, and furnishing her with stores to keep at sea the whole winter's service.	111
" "	" - -	"	Order for a survey of the small frigate at Deptford, taken as a prize by the Jersey in the Straits, to ascertain whether she is fit to be employed as a man-of-war.	112
" 25	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Bradshaw, resident at the Hague, for 25*l.*, advanced by him for victualling the Foresight, and to charge the same as an imprest on Capt. Motham.	113
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting and cleaning of the Roe ketch at Deptford - - -	114
" "	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Forester, King's Road.*	Adm. Com.	Came in by order of Capt. Hatsell to convoy 20 ships bound for Lisbon, the Straits, Virginia, &c., and will see them as far as his orders extend. Has been delayed sailing by an embargo, as also contrary winds; having only 10 days' victuals left, has sent to Milford for 5 weeks' provisions.	115
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	The Foresight is still detained in port through weather; she lacks 40 tuns of beer which is promised, as also that for the Pembroke and Ruby. Has entered 100 men on the Ruby, and hopes by the time she is ready she will want but a very few more.	116
" 26	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Portland Road.*	"	Convoyed a fleet to St. Malo with the Oxford, by order of Capt. Hatsell, and brought back such as were ready there, bound for England; was forced into Torbay by foul weather, but hopes to reach Spithead to-morrow, with a vessel laden on the State's account. Having been off the ground some time, desires order to proceed to Portsmouth, to refit and victual.	117
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Sorlings, Downs.*	"	Having taken in 14 days' provisions, sailed from Spithead, intending to proceed to his former station westward; but meeting with contrary winds and foul weather, has been beating to windward for 5 days, and is at last forced into the Downs. Will gain his station unless otherwise ordered.	118
" 27	Capt. Abr. Allgate, the *Oxford, Spithead.*	"	Returned from St. Malo with 14 sail under convoy, bound for Plymouth, Dartmouth, &c., and saw them to their ports, the Lark proceeding with those bound for the Downs and Weymouth Roads. While at St. Malo, a Frenchman arrived from St. Lucar, who was chased by two of the enemies' ships, but was relieved by two English frigates, commanded by Capts. Potter and Blake; they pursued the enemy, and ran one of them on shore, which was fired, but the other got away. Complained to Comr. Willoughby of the mutinous carriage of his boatswain and gunner, and was ordered to take in a fortnight's provisions and proceed to Plymouth, to have the business examined; desires that Capt. Hatsell or Heaton may hear it and report.	119
" "	Rear-Adm. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	"	Movements of the ships named in the Downs squadron - - - - - -	120

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1657. Sept. 27	Wm. Brousey -	His wife, *Green-dragon Alley, Wapping.*	Having been taken off Falmouth by an Ostend man-of-war, and put into prison, knows not when he shall be released; desires she will go to Chelsea College, and get some Ostend prisoner there released, who will then strive to clear him by exchange.	Vol. 193. 121
" "	Jno. Froud - -	Adm. Com.	Desires an order to the Navy Commissioners to sign his ticket for 4 months' wages due for services in the Lichfield, as they cannot do it without order.	122
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Capt. Vessey of the Constant Warwick having complained of his master, Timothy Clamp, as a drunken idle fellow, and as having caused strife in the ship by keeping a journal of what was done on board, and also endangered it by altering her courses, advised him to put his complaints in writing, which being done, found that several of the matters occurred a year since, but that he was lately drunk when at Scilly. Sent for Clamp, when he admitted the latter with regret, but as he had been for some years a professor of religion, and went under the notion of an honest man, sent for Capt. Heaton, intending to have him tried by a council of war; but he, having notice thereof, sent a paper desiring to be dismissed the ship, which was granted. Having had a good report of Wm. Jones, formerly master of the Nightingale, and mate of the Constant Warwick, has advised Capt. Vessey to entertain him as his master until he returns from Ireland, when he will receive further order therein. Will appoint two ships to convoy those bound for Rochelle and Bordeaux, as also to bring those back laden for England. The weather having changed, the Constant Warwick and Bryer will proceed to sea, as would the Sapphire had she more men; two of her company have died, and there are 37 more sick with a violent fever, and 3 were put on shore sick this morning. As sufficient men cannot be got to man her, and as it would seem harsh to force them on board in her present condition; she should be brought into harbour, unladen, and thoroughly cleansed.	123
" "	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Has cruised as far as Newcastle, but not seen or heard of any of the enemy; having but 5 days' provisions, and there being several ships bound towards Yarmouth, took them under convoy, and on arriving, received order from Major Burton to take another convoy to the Hope.	124
" "	Capt. John Parker, *Cheriton, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Has been plying on his station before Ostend, with Capt. Sparling and the Cornelian. During 20 years of sea life, never knew a storm continue so long and so violent as he experienced there; it drove him as far as Yarmouth. Intends setting sail again to-day, to return to his station.	125
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Downs.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Is to convoy some ships, and to have a lieutenant allowed; desires that Barth. Cappell, his master's mate, may be appointed, he having so served in several ships for 6 years.	126

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1658. Sept. 28	Jas. French, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Finds that while he was a prisoner in Ostend, Capt. Curtis of the Newcastle, of which he was purser, made out several tickets for the pay of men named, who formerly belonged to the ship, but had run away, and converted the money to his own use. As the Admiralty Commissioners may direct the paying off of the ship's company, and he is commanded to sign the sea books, whereby he may lay under the scandal of another man's fraud, desires they will examine the business; has been informed of the abuse by several of the officers. With examinations of 4 of the ship's officers before Col. Jno. Clarke, substantiating the fraud.	Vol. 193. 127–129
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a letter from Capt. Potter, which will give an account of the man-of-war he was instrumental in destroying, as also when the Spanish fleet is expected home. The Mermaid has come in with a small frigate of St. Sebastian's, which she took in the Soundings; she had 7 guns and 50 men when chased, but threw one gun overboard and 6 men perished when she was boarded, so that only 44 prisoners have been added to the rest in the Marshalsea. Arrival, repair, and victualling of ships.	130
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Muns, *Vulture, Texel.*	,,	Since leaving Amsterdam, has been kept in the Texel by stormy weather, but is hourly expecting to get to sea. Has many taken men on board for passage, also a cobble of Burlington, that was fishing at Yarmouth, and driven into the Texel; also a hoy with horses under convoy, belonging to the Swedish Ambassador. The Holland men-of-war are still riding at the Vlie.	131
,, ,,	Jno. Tancock, *Plymouth.*	,,	Has taken the command of the Fagons during the absence of Capt. Thos. Elliot, and according to an order from Capt. Smith, went to Capt. Hatsell at Plymouth; will bring the frigate into Catwater to be refitted and victualled.	132
,, ,,	Capt. Eustace Smith, the *Gloucester, Spithead.*	,,	His provisions being expended, came in with the Hind ketch, and ordered the Preston and Fagons to Plymouth to revictual, and then return to their station. Capts. Porter, Blake, and Newbury, having plenty, directed them to ply in their station until out, and then return to Plymouth for orders. Capts. Porter and Blake had a dispute with two of the enemies' ships-of-war near Cadiz, and put one, having 28 pieces of ordnance, on shore, when her company burnt her, but the other escaped. Put one of 18 or 20 guns on shore himself, which was also destroyed. Has 16,050 crowns on board the Gloucester, for goods sold, and desires order as to its disposal.	133
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson, the *Preston, Plymouth.*	,,	Has come in by order of Capt. Eustace Smith, has lost 40 feet of the false keel since coming from Hull, but is otherwise very strong and well fitted. Has upwards of 25 months' pay due, and desires their pleasure therein, as he is now about to sail.	134
,, 29	,, *Portsmouth*	,,	Has come in by order of Comr. Hatsell to revictual and mend the false keel; and wants powder.	135
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	Send a letter from Phineas Pett at Chatham of 28 Sept., stating that the Entrance frigate has been set on fire by the pitch boat, during the absence of the workmen, has driven on shore on the east side of the river, and is still burning; but that all endeavours will be made to save what is possible. Have written Mr. Pett, the Navy Commissioner there, to inquire by whose default the accident occurred.	136, 137

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1658. Sept. 30	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the account annexed of Capt. Ant. Young, commander of the Tredagh, touching the proceeds of a parcel of corn taken out of a prize, and sold at Lisbon by him for 319*l.* 1*s.* 5¾*d.*, and to direct the balance to be paid to the Navy Treasurer.	Vol. 193. 138
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to Jno. Cooley, late of the Tredagh, who came home in the Gift prize at Deptford, notwithstanding any former suspension.	139
" "	Rear - Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival and departure of ships. Has sent up to Tower Wharf 9 prisoners who were on board his ship, and on the Bridgwater and Assistance.	140
" "	Capt. Robt. Kirby, *Portsmouth.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Has most of his beer on board, but waits for the other provisions. Has had a sad accident by fire, whereby he lost most of the joiner's stuff, which was fitted, and ready to be put on board, for his and the officers' cabins; they are hastening a new supply.	141
" "	Col. Ant. Rouse, *Wotton.*	Adm. Com.	Sent an express to his deputy, Major Ceely, to seize and secure the masts and pipe staves belonging to the State, as also what was saved by Major Bourne. Being with Capt. Hatsell at Plymouth last Monday, sent a warrant to take charge of what was saved, as also an order to his deputy to board a vessel laden with pipe staves at Fowey; but Mr. Peter, the mayor there, who owned the vessel, and bought the pipe staves of Mr. St. Aubin, resisted, and threatened to throw him overboard if he attempted to remove them. There were 1,700 staves, being the 7th part of the whole that he bought. Asks them to consider the consequences of a State's officer being so threatened, and the Court of Admiralty set at nought, and to send a messenger to bring Peter up, to be punished as a stubborn knave, and thus strike terror for the future into such malignant fellows.	142
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Downs.*	"	Will convoy the vessels as directed; wants 10 more men, having only 150, which are 10 less than allowed to the Dragon, a smaller ship.	143
" "	Capt. Valentine Tatnell, *Adventure, Chatham.*	Robert Blackborne.	As he hopes to be ready to sail next Monday, begs payment of some of the wages due to his company; they have been a long time without.	144
Sept.	Robt. and Mary Shepard, *Deptford.*	[Adm. Com.]	Brought the Norwich to anchor at Deptford on Saturday, and the next day, Dorothy Mawgridge came to their house, and asked why her son Richard had not come on shore; told her they supposed he had; the day after, she coming again, and demanding his indentures, delivered them, took a ticket for the time he was a servant on board, and discharged him on the book.	145
" "	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships during the month. [9 *papers*] - - -	146–152

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1658.				Vol. 194.
Oct. 2	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make an additional allowance of 10 men to the Portsmouth, above her present complement of 150.	1
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Gerrard, deputy marshal-general of the army, for 150*l.*, for maintenance of prisoners in his custody.	2
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Adventure, refitting at Chatham, as soon as she arrives in the Hope, reserving 3 months, as also to those of the Kinsale at Deptford.	3
" 3	William Hudson, boatswain of the *Providence.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Petition for the boatswain's place in the Yarmouth, having so served for 9 years. With certificates of Capts. John Poyntz and Thos. Benn.	4–6
" 4	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sends the examinations of Phineas Pett, Wm. Rivers, and 8 others, as to the damage done to the Entrance frigate by the firing of a pitch boat, during the absence of the workmen on shore at dinner. Arrival and departure of ships. Desires a warrant for Joseph Burnett, late boatswain of the Victory, to be boatswain of the Swiftsure.	7–9
" "	Navy Comrs. - -		Send the survey made of the defects of the Dunbar by Capt. Jno. Taylor and 4 others, who think she may be made a serviceable man-of-war at a cost of 900*l.* With order thereon in the Admiralty Committee, 5 Oct., for her repair.	10–12
" 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to readmit Wm. Ackworth to the place of storekeeper at Woolwich, notwithstanding any former order of suspension, he having paid the fine of 80*l.* levied on him for cordage embezzled and conveyed away by the unfaithfulness of his son, when he was entrusted with the management; also having entered into a bond in 1,500*l.* for the faithful discharge of that office.	13
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Taylor for 300*l.*, from money received on account of Mardike, and to charge it as an imprest on his account.	14
" "	" - -	"	Like order for 500*l.* to Rob. Turpin, on account for sick and wounded seamen - - -	15
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy cleaning and refitting of the Pearl at Deptford, for service in the Channel.	16
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order to suspend the payment of any wages due to William, son of Wm. Ackworth, storekeeper at Woolwich.	17
" "	" - -	"	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Naseby at Chatham -	18

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1658. Oct. 5	Comr. Peter Pett, Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	As governors of the chest, paid away 2,000*l.* imprested on them on 1 Sept. last to 407 pensioners, who were then cleared off until 30 June; but there is yet 1,915*l.* due to 326 more, some of which is for 2 and 3 years' arrears, and many of the poor creatures daily apply for their money, yet can have but little until another 1,000*l.* at least is ordered. If the cathedral at Rochester is not to be had, beg that some course may be taken to give a supply of at least 3,000*l.*, so as to help to clear off the imprest, there being no great discretion to engage much further unless they see a probability of having it taken off in some convenient time, and considering also that the books are made up for the whole 8,000*l.* imprest.	Vol. 194. 19
„ 6	Jno. Stainforth, deputy - marshal, *Chelsea College.*	„	Certifies, at request of Margaret Boulden, that Capts. Fras. Vinck and Wm. Hamylton, as also 11 other seamen and boys named, formerly belonging to the St. Peter of Ostend, are prisoners in Chelsea College. With declaration, 27 Sept., by the Judges of the Admiralty at Ostend, that upon some of the above named and other prisoners being released, certain Englishmen named, prisoners at Ostend, shall be released in exchange. With a translation.	20–22
„ „	Capt. Edm. Curtis, *Portsmouth.*	„	Vindicates himself from charges brought against him by Wm. Winter, and others turned out of the vessel by a council of war, who are drunkards, and have conspired against him. With answer to 5 accusations made against him by some of the officers and men of the Newcastle, of making out false tickets and receiving the wages alleged to be due thereon, as also of harsh, overbearing, and cruel treatment towards the ship's company.	23, 24
„ 7	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for sending a supply of topmasts, twine, canvas, and tallow, for 6 ships named - -	25
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to see that Wm. Thomson, master caulker, and Wm. Rivers and Geo. Shoosmith, foremen in the yard at Chatham, are dismissed the service, with the loss of all pay due, for great neglect, which resulted in the firing of the Happy Entrance; also to propose a fit person as master caulker.	26
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to appoint 30 men on the Swallow ketch, taken up to attend the Speaker frigate, and 20 on the ketch taken up to attend the Swiftsure.	27
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make an additional allowance of 30 men to the Swiftsure, above her present complement of 320.	28
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to see that Capt. Eustace Smith, commander of the Gloucester, pay to Treasurer Hutchinson 337½ pieces of 8 received by him of Jas. Clift, commander of the Walsingham of Plymouth, for a cable sold to him when in great distress in the Bay of Wyers.	29
„ „	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Lark, refitting at Portsmouth, reserving 3 months.	30

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1658.				Vol. 194.
Oct. 7	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Has ordered Wm. Thomson, the master caulker, and several others, to attend them at Whitehall to-morrow; although Messrs. Arkinstall, Pett, and Eason can say most as to the means used for quenching the fire, has only directed Pett to appear; the boatswain of the Entrance has gone up. The foreman, Wm. Rivers, has been as laborious as any poor man in the service, yet the guilt and shame of his indiscretion, in ordering the pitch boat to be fastened to the ship, has taken such a deep impression that he fears he will scarcely go abroad again.	31
" "	Capts. Jno. Tippetts, Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Send examinations of John Gilbert, steward, and several other officers and men of the Newcastle, on their complaint against Capt. Edm. Curtis, commander, of making out false tickets, using hasty and passionate expressions, and leaving Jno. Dryborough, a sick man, on shore at Harwich unprovided for. Cleaning, repairing, and victualling of ships.	32–35
" 9	Comr. Peter Pett, the *George.*	"	Eight chests of money have been sent from the Downs and landed at the new dock; being sent for by Gen. Blake, took a boat, and came for the Blackstakes, near Queenborough, on board the George; hopes to see the 3 great ships at their moorings to-morrow.	36
" "	Rich. Phillips, surgeon of the *Preston*, and 6 other surgeons belonging to the fleet at *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Beg payment of what is due as free gifts to their chests, as also for supplies, their ships being ordered to be fitted out for winter service, and also necessaries for sick and wounded men. With order to the Navy Commissioners, 12 Oct., for supplying such recruits of medicines for the ensuing expedition, and also necessaries for the sick and wounded. Two copies, the latter endorsed with an abstract of the following paper.	37–39
" "	Thos. Goodwin -	Adm. Com.	Complaint against Capt. Tatnell, commander of the Adventure, for embezzling money, cables, powder, cloth, &c., out of prizes taken by him.	40
" 11	Nicholas Constant, master of the *Fortune.*	"	Petition for payment of 6 months' wages, and of a bill for 74*l.*; begs that they will signify whether he is to be further employed. Noted by Robt. Blackborne that the Admiralty Commissioners gave order to Major Thomson a month since to discharge the ketch.	41
" 12	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Harwich.*	"	Has come in to refit and victual, by order of Major Burton, but the victualler wants their order before supplying him. There is a great disturbance amongst the men for want of their pay.	42
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Fowler, Judge-Advocate of the Fleet, for his pay, &c., up to the 1st inst., at 8*s.* a day.	43
" 14	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Jeffery Northleigh and Thos. Tite for 127*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, furnished by Mr. Bridgeman, of Amsterdam, and disbursed by direction of Geo. Downing, Resident at the Hague, in repairing the Vulture, which was forced in there, having lost her masts, and being damaged in a storm.	44
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson for 20*l.*, disbursed by him for relief of English seamen, prisoners at Ghent.	45

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1658.				Vol. 194.
Oct. 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for fitting out the small frigate at Plymouth, lately taken by the Bryer, as a man-of-war, to be called the Fox, and to bear 70 men and 14 guns.	46
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Repair and dispatch of ships - - - - - - - - - -	47
„ 15	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Have dismissed Wm. Thomson, the master caulker at Chatham, and Wm. River and Geo. Shoosmith, foremen; have considered of an able and honest man to succeed Thomson, and although it is a sad accident, yet his godliness, ability, and fitness, being so fully known and experienced, they cannot find any other so fit to recommend, and question not but this will be a means to make him more circumspect for the future. With order thereon, 28 Oct., by the Admiralty Commissioners for his re-admission, though dismissed for neglect of duty when the ship Entrance was burnt.	48, 49
„ 16	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Roger Cuttance for 50*l.*, for charges in this summer's service.	50
„ „	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Capt. Jno. Baskett, commander of the Wakefield, any order of suspension notwithstanding.	51
„ 17	Robt. Grassinghum, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Renews his request for an order to receive some money from time to time to carry on the service; the workmen having always been allowed present pay, has often been constrained to pay them with his own money, and had to borrow great sums, which has been very inconvenient to him, although profitable to the Commonwealth. As he is now a creditor for 80*l.* for shipwrights' wages to the 10th inst. desires that 200*l.* may be ordered him and paid at Harwich by Thos. Weeks, of Ipswich, the army agent. The Pearl has come in to refit and victual.	52
„ 18	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Desires order as to refitting the Maidstone and Essex. Supposes the Swiftsure is in the Hope -	53
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Deptford.*	„	Has hauled off the ways and will be ready to take in the victuals by the 20th. Wants two iron guns of 6 cwt. each, which are there undisposed of, and will be very useful for the quarter deck.	54
„ 19	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting of the Maidstone at Chatham, for service in the Channel - -	55
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to allow 10 additional men on the Preston, above her present complement of 160 - -	56
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to cause a surgeon's chest extraordinary, value 30*l.*, to be put on board the Swiftsure, under Vice-Adm. Goodson.	57
„ „	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Martin at Deptford -	58
„ 20	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Hears from the commander of the Eagle ketch that Wm. Smith ran away in the night with his boat, and has not since been heard of. Capt. Pack's wife holds a ticket of his for 13 months' pay; desires that it may be stopped, and Smith dealt with as he deserves.	59

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1658. Oct. 20	Capt. Geo. Churchill, *Hope.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires a pilot may be sent on board the Newcastle, to carry her down to the Admiral - -	Vol. 194. 60
„ „	[Jno. Stainforth, Deputy-Marshal].	Adm. Com.	List of 6 Spanish captains and 3 others brought into Chelsea College as prisoners of war -	61
„ 21	Adm. Judges, *Ostend.*	—	Pass for Thos. Jeud, English prisoner, liberated in exchange for Alex. du Croix, prisoner in Chelsea College [*French*]. With consent thereto by the Admiralty Judges of Ostend, 3 Aug. [*Dutch*].	62, 63
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Taylor for 200*l.* from Mardike money, charging it as an imprest on his account.	64
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Harwich.*	„	Is taking in his provisions, and will sail to his station the end of the week. Was sent by Major Burton with a convoy for Holland, and being short of victuals, received 7 days' from Capt. Baskett of the Wakefield.	65
„ 22	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Once more reminds them of his great want of money to defray the wages of the shipwrights, caulkers, and sawyers employed in refitting the ships, whose necessities are very great. Asks what bills of exchange he shall charge, and on whom; not less than 300*l.* will defray what is due. Marvels he has not heard from them, or any one of them, since Major Bourne gave up the inspectorship of the business entrusted to him. The Weymouth pink and Vulture are in port to refit and victual.	66
„ 23	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for the speedy refitting and victualling of the Bradford at Woolwich, for service in the Channel.	67
„ „	Capt. Jno. King, *John ketch*, the *Swinn.*	„	Is ranging in his station and chasing ships daily, but they prove to be French from Holland, although they put the English merchantmen in great fear.	68
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	„	When in London, acquainted the Admiralty Commissioners of Major Harding having remitted money from Jersey to St. Malo, for purchase of 21 ballots of Noyals canvas, and directed it to be sent to Capt. Hatsell at Plymouth, with some English sailcloth; was then ordered to draw the money on the Navy Commissioners, which is to be repaid to the State. Has sent a bill on them for 357*l.*, and desires payment when due; has not received a penny of the 300*l.* they ordered the Treasurer to pay on the bill they accepted long since, and has disbursed much more since then. Will send 40 ballots of English cloth to Portsmouth, being 26 in store and 14 on the contract.	69
„ 25	Capt. Jno. Taylor *Chatham.*	„	The hoy with the topmasts and fishes sent from Deptford for the ships in the Hope has returned, they having sailed, and there being no one there to receive them; asks what is to be done with them.	70
„ 26	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 3,000*l.* a week for two weeks, commencing the 1st inst., for carrying on the victualling affairs upon the new declaration.	71

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1658.				Vol. 194.
Oct. 26	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Like order for 2,000*l.* for one week, commencing 12 July 1658, for carrying on the victualling on the old declaration for last year.	72
" "	" - -	"	Order for refitting all the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th rate English-built frigates now in harbour, tallowing excepted, that they may be put to sea on any emergency; also for employing additional workmen in each yard necessary for carrying on this service.	73
" 28	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order to stop payment of a ticket given to Robt. Webb, steward of the Griffin, for his wages, until further order.	74
" "	" - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to examine the account of Rich. Muns, for money disbursed for the Vulture, and make out a bill for what is due, that his imprest may be taken up.	75
" "	" - -	"	Order to allow an addition of 10 men on the Ruby, beyond her present complement of 160 -	76
" "	Capt. John Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	"	Hopes the two bills for the tallow he purchased for ready money have arrived, as the men have been for the money; is advised the next will be dearer. Has the Portland and Dartmouth yet to grave and tallow, so will require more. There is some train oil at Southampton which can be bought for ready money; as it is likely to be dearer; desires order to secure it, Capt. Lightfoot has some, and as he is coming to London, they might treat for it. Particulars of ships. Edw. Taylor, the mast joiner, and others, have been discharged as ordered, and he may attend the Comrs. as to the late disaster. Recommends him for competence and diligence; he was very serviceable to Parliament during the wars, and run through many dangers, being once seriously wounded; can only blame him for suffering others to be in his room while he was absent. It was a mercy more harm did not follow, but as it will warn all to be heedful, intreats them to be favourable to him.	77
" "	Robt. Taunton, the *Portland, Portsmouth.*	"	Thanks for the moiety allowed to surgeons to encourage them in their employment; hopes they will order Mr. Child to pay him what has been given to other surgeons in the same rated ships.	78
" 29	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	"	Finds that Wm. Burgany, after his dismissal, was re-entered as Mr. Davis's clerk on 1 Dec. 1657, by order of the Admiralty Commissioners.	79
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Sends invoice, by Rich. Vinson, of masts, deals, spars, &c., received of Capt. Taylor out of the Milkmaid, for the stores at Plymouth. Agreed with Taylor to deliver a quantity of masts, but when he had loaded, his ship was carried into Amsterdam; consequently was disappointed of them, and put to great straits for that year. When last in London, again agreed with him for the same, which he has now performed, but a few of the larger ones were not sent, through the remissness of his factor. The prices were to be the same as paid in London, and 60*l.* towards the freight; desires they will agree with him after the same rate for the spars and deals, make out a bill for the whole, and charge the same upon the stores at Plymouth.	80, 81

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Oct. 29	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Harwich.*	Major Nehemiah Bourne.	Coming down the Swinn, found that the pilot was ignorant of his duties; told the master to have an eye over him, and be careful of the ship, and was constantly on deck himself; yet while absent below, the ship went aground on the Kettlebottom Sand, 3 miles off the Baulsea Cliff; got her off without much damage, but he and the master are ordered to the Downs, to be tried by a Council of War; hopes the Admiralty Commissioners will write the Rear-admiral to be his friend; desires nothing but what is just. Careened the ship, and finding part of her false keel gone and the seams all open, has made all good, and as soon as the new mast is set, will be ready for sea.	Vol. 194. 82
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, the *Weymouth pink, Yarmouth Roads.*	Navy Com^rs	Has received a new cable of Major Burton in lieu of two defective left at Harwich, and is about to convoy vessels to London laden with merchants' goods.	83
" 30	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Thos. Sprigg, *Victualling Office.*	Gives a list of boatswain's stores required for the Richard, and desires they may be sent down by the ketch that attends her.	84
" "	Thos. Thrasher, Gabriel Hall - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Navy Commissioners to sign the written tickets given them for their pay while on board the Grantham and Martin, in the expedition to the West Indies. With order to the Navy Commissioners to order payment, if there is no other obstruction than that they are not printed tickets.	85
" 31	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	The Swiftsure and Elias sailed from the Hope to-day, they being the only State's ships there -	86
Nov. 1	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	"	Sends a list by Mr. Culmer, of Deal, of 11 decayed skiffs, pinnaces, and wherries in his custody; as they encumber the beach, so that the State's boats can at times hardly be hauled up, they should be sold or otherwise disposed of.	Vol. 195. 1, 2
" "	" "	"	The easterly winds and bad weather have prevented the victuallers coming into the Downs with the remainder of the beer, to complete the 2 months' victualling of the Richard and Bridgewater, but it was taken on board this morning. The Court of War have examined French's business; the major part found that he was not guilty of embezzling the hawser from the Prize of which he was master, but the whole court found him guilty of leaving the Prize before she was delivered to those to whom she belonged, as also of selling some old iron and ropes to Jno. Axon, and being thereby liable to the 9th Article of the Laws of War; but considering his great indisposition, through lying in irons since 29 Sept. last, it was adjudged sufficient punishment, accompanied with a sharp reproof from the Court.	3

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658.				Vol. 195.
Nov. 1	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Is requested by Lord Lockhart to send a frigate to St. Valery, to receive Lord Desborow's eldest son and his retinue on board, and bring them to England; Lockhart advised him, by reason of the extraordinary danger, to come from Paris by way of Hesdon, whence the frigate is to carry him for Dunkirk and so to England. Asks an order, as the Admiralty Commissioners directed him not to send any frigates out of the Downs, on any account whatever, without special order; the Venture would be a very fit frigate for that purpose.	4
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Will employ the President and some other frigates as a convoy for Rochelle and Bordeaux. Particulars of ships. The enemy have many men-of-war abroad.	5
" "	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Weymouth Road.*	"	Sprung the head of the foremast coming down from Spithead, but will make it serve the present expedition; hopes to sail to-night with Capt. Lambert, and 5 or 6 vessels of Weymouth and Southampton, for the Islands and St. Malo. Has received the dispatches from Mr. Mansell.	6
" 2	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out bills to the Admiralty messengers, Jno. Powell, for 36*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.*, and Thos. Davies for 4*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* disbursed for the service.	7
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 2,000*l.* a week for 3 weeks, commencing 19 July, for carrying on the victualling affairs upon the old declaration for the last year.	8
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out similar bills for 3,000*l.* a week for two weeks, commencing 15 Oct. 1658, for carrying on of the victualling affairs on the new declaration for this next year.	9
" "	" - -	"	Order on consideration of the best means for preservation and security of the ships and frigates now moored in the Medway, that they direct the making of a boom across the river, over against Upnor Castle, at or near the place where one was laid heretofore, and in the same manner as that which was in use in the late King's time. Also that they order the stopping up St. Mary's Creek, that comes from Gillingham, and the bringing up the Resolution to be moored above Upnor Castle, for her better safety.	10
" "	" - -	"	Order that Majors Thomson and Bourne, Peter Pett, and Capt. Jno. Taylor, with assistance of Mr. Arkinstall and Capt. Badiley, or such others as they think fit, view that part of the Medway near Upnor Castle, and consider whether the Sovereign may with security be brought up to moorings above the said castle, and whether it will be best to have her ride by chains or cables; if they shall find the water thereabouts too shallow, then to advise of such other ways as shall most conduce to the security of the ship.	11
" "	Elizabeth Bellamy -	Adm. Com.	Her present necessity for want of money is such that she has been much disabled in her business, and unless a considerable sum is ordered this week, cannot carry it on. There is 3,000*l.* due to her for victualling the navy in harbour in the ports of London and Chatham; entreats consideration of her present state.	12
" "	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	"	Arrival and departure of ships; list of 15 of the State's ships in the Downs - - -	13

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658.				Vol. 195.
Nov. 2	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Has received pitch, spars, and other stores, except tallow; as there is none in the stores, or to be had without ready money, desires they will order some down.	14
" "	Capt. Sam. Sharland, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Finds the Fox at Plymouth a very strong and serviceable ship, and one likely to sail well. Thanks them, not only for bestowing a command on him, but for continuing it in this frigate; being ordered to tallow her to-morrow, hopes to be ready this week.	15
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - - -	16
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	The General has returned in the Laurel, with some other ships, and has spent his foremast; his bowsprit narrowly escaped, but such disasters must be expected at this season. The stores are so scant that there is difficulty in supplying the Laurel with what is needed, and the next ship that comes in must lie in harbour until there is a recruit, as other ships are now wanting masts and sails, including the new one on the stocks. The Hamburgher, with the pitch and tar, has gone for London, her master having refused to sell his commodities. Has discharged the Jonathan fireship, which has also gone for London.	17
" 3	Capt. Simon Evans, the *Lichfield, King's Road.*	Adm. Com.	Is waiting to convoy some ships bound for Bordeaux, and not knowing how long he will be detained, has been compelled to put his men to short allowance, of 6 men to 4, which will extend his provisions to 6 weeks.	18
" 4	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Wm. Gun, housekeeper at Greenwich, for 6*l.*, for attendance, fire, candle, and other expenses while Gen. Blake's body lay there.	19
" "	" - -	"	Order for payment of the ticket of Wm. Steed, master of the Foresight, and of Robt. Hulke, his servant, although they are not printed.	20
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order not to make any allowance to Jno. Gammon, for the time he served as pilot on board the Expedition, Capt. Edm. Thomson, her commander, having reported that he ran the ship on the the sands near Baulsea Cliff, through ignorance.	21
" "	" - -	"	Order to draw up an estimate of all debts chargeable on the Navy Treasury to 1 Nov., distinguishing them into the following classes:—Bills signed by the Commissioners; money due on contracts for which bills are not yet made out; wages of officers and mariners in the West Indies, Mediterranean, and Channel; officers of the admiralty, navy, and yards. Also to consider the charge of supplying the stores with provisions requisite for setting forth a fleet of 14,000 men and maintaining it to 1 Nov. 1659; as also what wages and salaries will be due by that time to the said officers of the admiralty, navy, and yards.	22
" "	Rear-Admiral Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for the black cloth they have bestowed on him as mourning for the late Lord Protector; asks how he and others in the Downs may manifest their true sense of so great a loss on the day appointed for the solemnity.	23
" "	" "	"	Sends a list of 20 of the State's ships in the Downs, with particulars of the sailing of others -	24

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1658.				Vol. 195.
Nov. 4	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival, cleaning, tallowing, victualling, and sailing of ships - - - - - -	25
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Has received their 3 letters and will discharge Seaverne, the boatswain, but will be glad to see some caulkers, masts, sails, cordage, &c., with money to pay the men, who haunt him daily for it. If the James, Andrew, and other ships are to be refitted, they must press and send down some men; the ships being paid, all their men are gone, and there have been such complaints of the badness of the victuals that the men were mad about it. There are only 2 merchant ships now in harbour. Will endeavour to procure some cordage, but if the works are delayed for want of that or other stores, they must not be offended.	26
" "	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford Haven.*	"	Was prevented sailing to his station until 30 Sept., when he plied on it till his provisions were nearly spent, and then went to Milford for a supply, but could only receive sufficient to carry him to Kinsale. Convoyed several vessels to Waterford, where he received order from the Lord Deputy to ply for several days between the Tower of Waterford and Wexford; has now been forced in by contrary weather. The Irish coast being clear of rovers, the merchant ships can pass to and fro with security.	27
" 5	Capt. Abra. Allgate, the *Oxford, Plymouth Sound.*	Navy Com^rs^	Barth. Harvy, his surgeon, having been tried by a Council of War, and dismissed for misdemeanor, and Phil. Terpin, of Plymouth, having been appointed by Comr. Hatsell and Capt. Heaton in his place, desires his warrant may be sent; also an order to receive money to furnish his chest. Is ordered by Comr. Hatsell to convoy some ships bound for Bordeaux, and to bring back any that are ready there.	28
" "	Rich. Bradshaw.	Adm. Com.	Sends the charge from the auditor for imprests, and requests them to consider in which way he may be discharged for so much thereof as appears, by the accounts of the merchant he employed, to have been disbursed for powder and masts, as also for supply of the Elizabeth, and to signify the same to Council or to Secretary Thurloe. If the certificate is left with their secretary, will send for it.	29
" "	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Downs.*	"	Used all expedition in refitting, but could not get despatched until the 3rd inst., and next day, sailed for Spithead. Waits orders.	30
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - - -	31
" "	Col. Hen. Smith, *Hull.*	"	Is desired by the magistrates and others of Hull to intreat them on behalf of Thos. Judd, who has come over from Ostend on parole, and it will be the ruin of him and his family if he should not be released. He was formerly in the State's service, and demeaned himself honestly and stoutly.	32

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Nov. 5	Sir Rich. Stayner, *Speaker, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a note of provisions spent in 12 ships named, and of what remains in the stores at Dover. Has given the victualler the pursers' demands, and has had an account of what provisions he has, or could get ready by next week, but as he will not deliver any without order, desires one may be sent. All the commanders state that they cannot stow any more victuals save what they have spent, having filled as full as possible at the first victualling, and the casks they have emptied of beer being now filled with water, they have made little room therein; but notwithstanding this, they will observe commands as far as possible.	Vol. 195. 33, 34
„ 6	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Particulars of the cleaning and sailing of ships - - - - - - -	35
„ „	Capt. Jno. King, *John ketch, Rolling Grounds, Harwich.*	„	Is daily ranging in his station, so as to secure small vessels to their respective ports; not having been much troubled of late with men-of-war, the merchants are all the bolder to venture their goods.	36
„ 7	Capt. Rich. Hodges, *Basing, Dublin Bay.*	„	Certified from Beaumaris that he had received order from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to return to Dublin and continue in the Road, which he will observe; being ill provided with ground tackle, has solicited his Excellency for a new cable that is lying in the stores at Dublin.	37
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *Gloucester, Spithead.*	„	Thanks for the commission and instructions to take command of the Gloucester. All the provisions are shipped off, but has been prevented getting them on board through the tempestuous weather. Has received the 4,500 crowns from Mr Child, and will sail for the Downs.	38
„ 8	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Harwich.*	„	Has been plying on the coast, and giving convoy to any vessels that needed it, as also to some ships bound for the Sound, laden with cloth, and to a fleet bound from the Humber for London as far as the Yarmouth Roads. His frigate proving very leaky, has come in for a week's provisions, so as to carry him up to Chatham.	39
„ „	Vice-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	„	Has sent to the victualler at Dover for 3 weeks' provisions for the Selby, but as the last vessels sent there had to leave without a full supply, fears he will have to recruit her from his own ship. All the ships formerly mentioned are still in the Downs, except the Drake, which has gone with a convoy to Flushing.	40
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Will deliver their warrant to Capt. Wright, to revictual and ply between Flamborough Head and Tynemouth Bar, when he returns from Holland; as the Fishery will not go out any more, intends sending the Amity to the North coast.	41
„ „	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Portland Road.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is convoying 7 sail bound for Guernsey, Jersey, and St. Malo, with Capt. Lambert of the Bramble, but has been twice forced back into the Road, and is waiting a wind. Capt. Lambert and himself will ply together as directed.	42

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Nov. 8	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	John Gammon has gone as pilot to the Four Sisters, bound for the Downs; left their commands with his wife, who expects his return every tide.	Vol. 195. 43
„ 9	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Will hasten the refitting of the Hunter when she comes in. The mast of the Expedition has been set, and she might have sailed last week but for the boisterous weather.	44
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Will find a convoy for the vessels mentioned; has given their letter to Capt. Sharland, who is still detained, as also the President, through the foul weather. Yesterday a boat was sunk in the Road containing 13 people, and 8 of them were drowned, one of whom was the carpenter of the Sorlings; will endeavour to supply his place. Five or six of the soldiers guarding the prisoners are now attacked with the spotted fever, and the serjeant is dead. Has desired the surgeon, who is also ill, to take all care of them, but he complains of the want of medicaments, through so many seamen having been lately sent on shore sick, and as several that came from the Reserve have died, it has caused some murmurings. The Gainsborough has come into the Road, and has been in danger of firing through a defect in the brickwork about the furnaces, which they had to pull down to quench the fire.	45
„ „	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Plymouth.*	„	Saw all the Bordeaux fleet safe over the Pole Head, save one which was cast away, a rich ship, commanded by Welch of Yarmouth. Has since taken in 5 weeks' victuals, by order of Capt. Hatsell, and is going again to Bordeaux with the Oxford, to fetch the fleet there and at Rochelle, but is hindered by weather. His carpenter, going on board in a wherry yesterday, was drowned, and 2 more of his company.	46
„ „	Commissioner Peter Pett.	„	Has had the Essex repaired and tallowed; asks order to the victualler to send down her provisions.	47
„ „	Mat. Jones, shipwright, of *Deptford.*	„	Petition to be carpenter on the Morning Star, taken by the Jersey frigate; has served many years in Deptford Yard, and been master carpenter of the Beaver. With certificates by Jonas Shish and Wm. Shelley.	48, 49
„ 10	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	„	Sent the Nonsuch ketch to carry over Capt. Crocker with some money for Col. Guibon's regiment at Dunkirk, and the Selby to St. Valery's to take in Lord Desborow's son, and carry him to Dunkirk, and so for England. Particulars of ships. Howard of Chatham has come down a prisoner in the Swiftsure, but as no charge against him has arrived, waits their pleasure. By advise of the respective commanders, made bold yesterday to expend some powder to solemnize the funeral of his late Highness, not having received any intimation to the contrary, but that it was the day set apart to that purpose; since hearing it to be otherwise, craves pardon for presuming so far.	50

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Nov. 10	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Bramble, Portland Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has made two attempts to sail, with the vessels of Lynn and Weymouth, for Guernsey, Jersey, and St. Malo, with the Lark, which has the money for Jersey garrison, but has been driven back by contrary winds; will sail again to-day. There have been several Ostenders, of from 12 to 18 guns, lately seen upon the coast, who chased some small merchantmen of Weymouth, but they escaped. Asks whether, after seeing the vessels safe into port, he shall return to his station, or go to the Downs; will call at Weymouth for orders.	Vol. 195. 51
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Hayward, *Essex, Chatham.*	,,	Understanding that some of the company of the Maidstone went ashore at Rochester, to pull down part of the victualler's house, and that it is reported that some of his company were with them, has made strict enquiry, and caused his officers to do the like, but cannot find that any of them were there, neither has he heard any complaint of his petty warrant victualling by any of his men.	52
,, ,,	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	,,	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - - -	53
,, ,,	Rich. Smith - -	,,	The Elizabeth, a merchantman of Yarmouth, has been taken by the enemy off Portland; it would not have occurred if the Bramble, one of the State's ships had not refused to go off to her; it will be found on examination that she rode in Weymouth Road 50 days.	54
,,	Sir Rich. Stayner, the *Speaker.*	,,	There was some mistake touching the demands made to the victualler at Dover; they were only intended for a supply of beer; a hoy has since arrived from London with 30 tuns, and another hoy from Chatham with topmasts and fishes, which have been disposed of on such ships as could stow any. Will send to Dover for as much more beer as the squadron can stow, which will be much more than will be obtained; can stow 100 tuns; the squadron has spent 160, but filled their casks with water, so that the ships are fuller than at their first coming out.	55
,, 11	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, Harwich.*	,,	Plied in his station from the 29th ult. until the 8th inst., when his provisions being expended, came in to revictual; is now about to return.	56
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Poultry Compter.*	,,	Desires they will endeavour to procure his enlargement, that he may attend to his own affairs while his frigate is fitting out to return to her station; is illegally imprisoned on a public account, and has not been absent from his command for 4 years. If instead of being indemnified, he is to be liable to a civil prosecution by conquered enemies, for hostile actions in performance of his duty, the end of the war is the beginning of trouble and destitution to himself and family, and upon all seizures, he may expect as many actions at law as there are owners or venturers.	57
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Milford Haven.*	,,	The weather has continued so bad and the storms so violent that all the ships in the harbour that rode afloat had not sufficient anchors to hold against such a tempest; his boat broke her moorings, and was driven ashore, but saved by the keeper of the Ferry.	58
,, ,,	Ordnance officers -	,,	Certify, in pursuance of their order of the 4th inst., that 155,989*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* will be required to satisfy the debentures for stores received and required, and to discharge contracts, freights, wages, and other incidentals for the last year, and to 1 Nov. 1659.	59

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Nov. 11	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Repairing, victualling, and sailing of ships. The merchants of Southampton desire a convoy for a ship richly laden, bound for Morlaix.	Vol. 195. 60
" "	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Desires they will sign and send down the chandler's bills for the tallow delivered for ready money, as he has had to stop the men's mouths for the present out of his own pocket. Also that some course may be takenf or a further supply, as he does not know where to get 5 cwt. for money; as there is no oil in the stores for white stuff, the Nightingale and Colchester must go with black coats this time.	61
" 12	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends receipts for a cable supplied to the Weymouth pink, and a maintopsail yard to the Amity. Particulars of the sailing of ships.	62
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	"	Received the press warrants, and filled up one for Capt. Badiley at Woolwich, judging him to be the fittest instrument in the river, being master attendant and belonging to the Trinity House, and shall quicken him to do all that is possible therein. Will carry the other to Chatham, where he and Major Thomson have resolved to go to-morrow, in prosecution of their order; supposes they will get there what cannot be procured at Deptford.	63
" "	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Supplied the Lily and Eaglet ketch with 14 days' provisions each, and they have gone with the southward fishermen. Has taken care of the northern men, who have now made up. As his own frigate is strong and tight, although very foul, desires further orders.	64
" 13	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^ and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to 15 persons named, lately belonging to the Speaker, and come over from Ghent, where they were prisoners.	65
" "	Capt. Saml. Blake, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Desires an order for the provisions for the Colchester. Lost the last spring tide through want of tallow, there being none in the stores.	66
" "	Capt. Jno. Hayward, the *Essex, Chatham.*	"	Is not yet ready to sail to the Downs, the carpenters and caulkers having been delayed by the bad weather, but hopes to be in the Hope next Monday, if the provisions and gunner's stores come down.	67
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Delivered their letters for Capts. Hayward and Penrose, and went on board the Maidstone; found that 57 of her men were absent, 24 having gone to London to attend on the Admiralty Commissioners as ordered. The repairs of the Essex at Chatham are not yet completed, and it will be 10 or 12 days before she will be ready. The Bradford has sailed from the Hope, but is still in Lee Road.	68
" "	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Hope.*	"	Will sail to the Downs, and carry what pilots he can get, but the weather is exceedingly bad. Has sent up 10 men in his boat, and hopes to get others to supply their room. Has some provisions of Sir Geo. Ayscue's on board, which he fears he will have to carry away. The former lieutenant is still on board, and the other has not yet come.	69

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1658.				Vol. 195.
Nov. 13	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has sent up 10 of his men named in one of the boats, in custody of the lieutenant and corporal; 3 more who were sent to Gravesend for provisions have not returned, but believes they will, as they have from 10 to 15 months' pay due; will send them up also when they appear. Neither the lieutenant they mention nor the men they have cleared have yet returned; Lieut. Vaughan, who is displaced, has applied for a ticket for himself and servant; has none to give. Sir Geo. Ayscue has sent some men on board, as also 20 tuns of beer and other provisions. Will endeavour to keep good government in the ship; the bad that has lately happened is the first since he had a command.	70
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Dispatch of ships - - - - - - - - - - - -	71
" 14	Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson, *Swiftsure, Downs.*	"	Sends a list of 18 ships belonging to his fleet in the Downs, and will use all means to get them ready to sail, but fears they will want pilots; will send to Ipswich and Yarmouth for some. Saffery Parker, residing at Wapping, master of a great collier, is reputed the ablest man in England for the work, and they might possibly obtain him, or he would advise of some able men. Their messenger has been detained both on board and on shore by the foul weather.	72, 73
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Capt. Hayward intends sailing from Chatham for Queenborough to-morrow, and will wait there for his provisions, having as yet only one hoy of beer on board. The Expedition has arrived in the Hope.	74
" "	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Hope.*	"	Left Harwich for the Hope five days since, but has had very bad weather, with much wind and rain; waits for orders.	75
" 15	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Queenborough.*	"	Left Harwich with the Expedition on the 10th inst., has experienced very rough weather; his frigate was so leaky in her upper works that they were forced to nail sails upon the hatches, yet so much water went down into the hold that it ran from side to side upon the ballast, and would not go to the pump until they cut holes in the well to let it run down. Has rode many a hard roadstead, but never in so sad a ship as the Advice has proved. Will get up as soon as he can.	76
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Can only hear of 3 pilots as yet, the best belonging to the town being already in the State's service. Yarmouth has very little trade to the Eastlands, there not being a ship in 2 or 3 years, but Hull and Newcastle trade that way every year. Is troubled that he cannot get more men to serve them, as the business is honourable and good, but it is a very ill time of the year for their great ships to go in; hopes the Lord will be their conductor. It cheers their hearts to hear that the Swedes have got the best of the Hollanders. The Bradford has arrived; cannot send aboard her on account of a storm, but will hasten her to Scarborough to-morrow. The Fame is also in the Roads; has given him the victualler's warrant, but the poor men are starving for want of clothes.	77

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1658.				Vol. 195.
Nov. 15	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has ordered the Assistance for Chatham. The Wakefield has gone to Dieppe to transport Lord Jones's son, and the Hawk ketch with a messenger; arrival and departure of other ships. Craves pardon for his late miscarriage in firing the guns.	78
" "	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Having long waited for a frigate to stop in the Road, so that he might send up the sailcloth for Portsmouth, desires they will move the Admiralty Commissioners to order one to stay, having 26 ballots of the old parcel, and a quantity more on account of his contract. Will have a vessel shortly to take in 36 ballots of French and English cloth for Plymouth.	79
" 16	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to impress 5 or 6 able pilots to serve in the present expedition, and send them by post, to-morrow if possible, to Vice-Adm. Goodson, as the life of the present undertaking depends on their despatch; also to allow them what is convenient for their charges down, and for their return in case the fleet sails before they arrive.	80
" "	" - -	"	Order for the refitting of 16 of the State's ships mentioned, as to their masts and hulls, so that they may be ready to answer any emergency (tallowing excepted) and to take care that their rigging be likewise got in readiness to be put up as occasion requires. Also to direct the entering of extra workmen in the respective yards where the ships are to be refitted, necessary to carry on the work.	81
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting of the Advice and Assistance at Chatham, for service in the Channel.	82
" "	" - -	"	Order to make an allowance of 40*s.* a piece to 15 seamen named, formerly belonging to the Speaker, as satisfaction for the loss of their clothes, and other sufferings while prisoners in Ghent.	83
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Thanks for the account of the engagement between the Swede and the Dutch. Desired Capt. Heaton and other captains in the Sound to examine the complaints of the captain of the Oxford against his boatswain and gunner, the rather as the surgeon and several others of the Oxford have carried themselves very unhandsomely towards their captain. Several examinations were taken, and some of the seamen dismissed, including the boatswain and gunner, who absented themselves, and stayed behind at Portsmouth and Guernsey. Has appointed Emanuel Wilson, the master's mate, to the gunner's place, and Rich. Driver, late boatswain's mate in the Sorlings, to the boatswain's place, and request their warrants. The Lord has been pleased to put some stop to the contagious disease amongst the soldiers and prisoners, as no one has died since his last, and there are good hopes that the soldiers who are sick will with one exception recover. There has been a violent storm, and several vessels forced in. Movements of ships.	84
" "	Robt. Ingram - -	Adm. Com.	Having nearly 7,000*l.* due for goods delivered into the stores since June 1657, and daily delivering more, and having solely to do with poor men, who must have their money, desires payment of some considerable sum out of this week's receipts.	85

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1658.				Vol. 195.
Nov. 16	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their letter to Capt. Thomson, who has not yet heard anything of the pilots from Woolwich, Deptford, or Chatham, but intends staying in the Hope until they come. Has mustered 135 men on board the Maidstone; her long boat sailing from Gravesend to go on board was overset, with 14 men in her, whereof there were only 4 men and the boat saved. The Essex is still at Chatham.	86
,, ,,	Capt. Edmund Thomson, *Expedition, Hope.*	,,	Has received their order, but hears nothing of the pilots or of the Essex - - - -	87
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Limehouse.*	,,	Asks for the command of the new frigate building at Deptford. Has attended them for employment ever since he came from Jamaica two years next April, and is rendered less able to subsist than when he first entered the service; being an old servant, hopes they will give him a positive answer, that he may know what to trust to.	88
,, ,,	Commissioner Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Repair and sailing of ships. Suggests the building of another ship, there being a handsome provision in the yard to make a beginning; if there is no fresh employment, must discharge the men, the ablest of whom will lie under such discouragement that they will serve foreign princes, as some half a score of very able shipwrights did not long since when discharged, which may be very prejudicial to the Commonwealth, in case of emergency.	89
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Prepared to go to Spithead, but was prevented by the calms. When the workmen have finished, and the rest of the provisions are shipped, will sail for the Downs. As the Gloucester is gone from him, asks for the command of the new frigate building at Deptford, and for his brother to be his lieutenant as he was so in the Entrance, during the Dutch war, and is an able and faithful man.	90
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	,,	Has been delayed in hauling the Colchester and Nightingale on shore to clean and tallow, through the miserable weather. Delivered their order to Capt. Rooth. Particulars of ships.	91
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth Sound.*	,,	Tallowed and victualled at Kinsale, by order of Capt. Hatsell, and then plied on his station, between the Soundings and mouth of the Channel, in company with the Mermaid, and chased 3 of the enemies' frigates, but they outsailed them. The weather has been very tempestuous, and broke his foreyard, staved both his boats on deck, and so loosened the main knee of the head that he has been forced to come in to stop the leaks. Is going to Morlaix to fetch over some convoys. Has not seen the Mermaid since last Sunday, having lost her in the storm.	92
,, ,,	Thos. Wade, *Whitehall.*	,,	Desires they will order him a small sum of money, which he unadvisedly paid in last May, as the want of it is much to his prejudice.	93
,, ,,	S. Whittell, Secy, *Prize Office, London.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires he will transmit to the Prize Commissioners, for the use of the Admiralty Judges, the papers of the Samson, which was taken by Capt. Jno. Stoakes, laden with silk.	94

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1658.				Vol. 195.
Nov. 16	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has convoyed several vessels from the northward, and now has 4 under charge, laden with merchants' goods from London and Holland, bound for Hull, which he will see safe. Has been forced from the north coast 5 times in 12 days by extremity of weather, and undergoes much hardship, as his pink has but one deck, so that in every storm the sea makes a free passage over them; hopes they will give him the command of a ship with two decks. The Pearl has been twice forced from the northward with her convoys, and is now also in the Roads.	95
„ 17	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	„	The Vice-admiral with his fleet set sail at 11 a.m., and they are now out of sight - -	96
„ „	Simon Carpender -	Major Beake.	Sends a pass granted him by the Admiralty Judges at Ostend, that they may see the name of the man, Domingo Garrido, who is to be released in exchange for him.	97
„ 18	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	To bring the Advice into dry dock, to be refitted for winter service on the coast of Scotland -	98
„ „	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The Torrington has arrived, and Capt. Saunders went on shore at Dover last night, to wait on them as to the reason of his coming home. The Lily having been forced to cut her mainmast by the board in the late storm, has sent her to Dover to get another; as the Cornelian has also received much damage, asks if he shall send her there also. Has transferred the money on board the Gloucester to the Swiftsure; having Mr. Hayward in custody on board, desires their pleasure concerning him.	99
„ „	Capt. Jno. Hayward, the *Essex, Gillingham.*	„	Has been much delayed by contrary winds, but has now only a hoy of beer and the gunner's stores to take in, and hopes to get out of the river to-morrow, and follow Vice-Adm. Goodson.	100
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Capt. Taylor, master shipwright at Chatham, thinks the Advice should be brought into dry dock to repair her defects, which will take a month, but if there is occasion for her immediately going to sea, he may dispatch some of the most needful repairs in 14 days; desire directions, as there is a charge of men upon her now.	101
„ „	Thos. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	„	Supplied the Dartmouth with gunner's stores, surveyed the frigates at Spithead that had received any from him, and went on board each ship that came into harbour, and took an account of the gunners' stores remaining; hopes it will be the means of preventing embezzlements. The business of the drying stove has gone on very successfully. Has some powder received from ships as bad, which had been stowed away 2 years, and is now good; since he first began, has stoved 3,262 barrels, but is now at a stand, and cannot go further without their assistance, as the stove pan has failed. Thanks God it was timely discovered, so that no harm was done; if he is to continue the business, they must order another. The navy stores in the Ordnance Office being very much exhausted, is drawing up an account of what is required.	102
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Cleaning, victualling, and sailing of ships - - - - - - - -	103
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	The Expedition has sailed from the Hope, as also the hoy with the pilots, but the Maidstone is still there, and the Essex at Gillingham.	104

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1658.				Vol. 193.
Nov. 18	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Received theirs of the 17th by Mr. Powell. Is still waiting for Sir George Ayscue, who is expected on board to-day; will then make all possible dispatch after the Vice-admiral.	105
„ „	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Harwich.*	„	Convoyed several vessels to and from the Maas, by order of Major Burton, and has now come in to refit and victual. As his company have made great complaints of their want of pay, the major part of them having been without any for 32 months, and as they are very bare of clothes for the cold season coming on, and the necessities of their families great, asks by what means they may have some pay or other encouragement.	106
„ 19	Capt. Peter Bowen, the *Bradford, Humber.*	„	Has been prevented getting to his station until to-day by contrary winds. Will observe their commands received at Scarborough, but having no one on board capable or that dared to take charge of the frigate to the Sound, is constrained to go to Hull for a pilot.	107
„ 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order, on directions of a Committee of Council, to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Taylor for 134*l.* 5*s.*, payable by the treasurer of the navy out of the money received on account of Mardike, charging it as an imprest on Capt. Taylor's account.	108
„ „	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, off the Shoe Beacon.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying in his station since the 11th inst., and convoyed several vessels up and down the Swinn, but has not seen any of the enemy.	109
„ „	Capt. Jno. King, *John ketch, Rolling Ground, near Harwich.*	„	Has been ranging in his station daily, and convoying small vessels laden with butter and cheese for Woodbridge, Ipswich, &c. A small man-of-war came into his station, but pursuing close after him, no hurt was done.	110
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	„	Sends the petition of some merchants for a convoy from Milford for the Samaritan, which has been refitted, and laden with lead, butter, calfskins, and worsted; the parties interested cannot adventure without one.	111
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Victualling and sailing of ships - - - - - - - - - -	112
„ 21	Capt. John Hayward, the *Essex, Gillingham Road.*	„	Has had the provisions on board and been ready to sail for several days, but has been detained by contrary winds.	113
„ 22	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	„	Has sent the Cornelian for Deptford; encloses an account of victuals on board the Torrington, as also in the Downs squadron, with the position of each ship. The Hind ketch, which the Vice-admiral sent to Yarmouth for pilots, having come in with only 2 on board, has sent her back to join with the ships in the Hope, in order to her better coming up with the Vice-admiral, fearing she might miss them in the Hope and the rest of the fleet. The Cheriton being in Dover Road, shall send her orders for a supply of victuals from that port.	114, 115

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1658. Nov. 22.	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Lynn Deeps.*	Adm. Com.	The ketch being foul and short of provisions, has come in from the north for orders. Has been as low as Scarborough with some vessels of Wells, and had much bad weather, and sometimes was much straitened for sea room about the deeps and amongst the sands, which is dangerous. Most of the masters and able seamen about those parts are of opinion that it is best to run into Lynn in such extremity of weather, as they can then be at sea again the first opportunity.	Vol. 195. 116
" "	Major Jno. Browne, *Chatham.*	"	His Highness desired them to join his son with him in their warrants, so that he might act with him; if they think fit not to do so, begs that his son may have the place of clerk of the ropeyard, and continue to be his deputy storekeeper of the ordnance. He has been employed nearly 3 years as his assistant, and well knows how to manage the place. He is 21 years of age, earns his wages, and is well known at Chatham to be commendable. Will be bound in 1,000*l.* or 2,000*l.* for his just discharge of the duties, as also to remain with him for 12 months, or as long as he shall live, unless their Honours otherwise provide for him. Hopes false rumours will not do him any prejudice, that his numerous family may be preserved in an honest way, and that it will be thought no crime to make use of friends whom God hath honoured; had he neglected it, his relatives would have condemned him for his imprudence.	117
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	The Fame has arrived at Harwich, and the master's mate has gone to inform Capt. Wright. Sent him their letter, and gave the captain of the Amity orders to go to Harwich to victual. The Charity ketch having come in, took back the letter given to Capt. Holland to take to Col. Smith at Hull, to get pilots, and sent Parker with it; will send Capt. Holland after the fleet with 7 pilots brought from London in the Expedition, she being too leaky for the voyage, as may be seen by 2 certificates enclosed, received from her captain. Thinks the fleet is now off Flamborough Head, and will soon be in the Sound.	118–120
" "	Judge - Advocate Fowler, the *Richard, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The day before the fleet sailed, Mr. Hayward, late surveyor at Chatham, was put on board the Richard from the Swiftsure, in order to be tried by a court martial; but neither charge, depositions, nor witnesses, were sent with him, and these were necessary to finish the work, while the Vice-admiral and so many judicious commanders were in the Downs, which cannot possibly be expected again for some time. Would have written sooner had not the Rear-admiral stated he had twice done so; when others are sent down, the particulars should accompany them, in order to a speedy trial.	121
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	Adm. Com.	A demand being made for 10 great masts, the purveyors selected them out of 30 lying at Woolwich, belonging to him; as there are 20 left, desires they may be received into the stores, and he allowed their worth. With note by Matthew Croft and Wm. Hayward, that they are only fit for small masts and bowsprits, and when further viewed and measured, they will certify the worth.	122

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1658.				Vol. 195.
Nov. 22	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has been forced back 4 times to Yarmouth Roads with his convoy by contrary winds; being such small vessels, they cannot keep the sea in any gale; but for them, would have been cruising on his station long ago.	123
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Went to Queenborough and took in 7 pilots for the fleet, and then made for Hoseley Bay, where he met the Forester, which had also been for pilots, but could not get any. Sailed for the fleet, but his ship springing a leak, and making much water, conceived her incapable of crossing the sea without great danger, so made for Yarmouth Roads, and transferred the pilots to another ship.	124
„ 23	Capt. Saml. Blake, the *Colchester, Portsmouth.*	„	Will sail to Spithead to-day, but has not yet received his beer, there being a want of iron-bound casks.	125
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Sir Geo. Ayscue has gone on board the Maidstone, which is still in the Hope, but intends sailing to-morrow, weather permitting. Particulars of ships.	126
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Refitting and sailing of ships - - - - - - - - -	127
„ 24	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	„	Capt. Harman has gone on board to command the Torrington. The Wakefield has returned from Dieppe, the gentleman she was to transport not having arrived; will send Capt. Baskett over again to fetch him. The Hawk ketch has also come in from thence, and the Portland from Portsmouth.	128
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Hearing from Mr. Pett, at Woolwich, that the Tredagh requires sheathing and other repairs, have given order accordingly, and hope to have her and the Winsby ready for launching in 3 weeks.	129
„ „	Capt. Rich. Newberry, the *Portland, Downs.*	„	The wind being northerly, could not get his provisions on board until the 20th inst., and then sailed from Spithead for the Downs, where he waits orders. Mr. Chambers, whom they recommended to be a civil gentleman, manifested to the contrary several times during the voyage, in drunkenness and profaneness; and although he promised to reform, yet the first opportunity he returned with the dog to his vomit; when at Portsmouth, being in drink, he drank a health to the devil, and to excuse himself, said it was to John Devell, a friend of his. Again asks for the command of the frigate building at Deptford, and for his brother to have the lieutenant's place.	130
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	Having shipped 180 barrels of powder on board the Mary of Hull, for that garrison, desire they will appoint some man-of-war to convoy him there. Noted that the John ketch, Hunter, or Vulture, is to see him safe to the Humber.	131
„ 25	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	To make another survey and valuation of 20 trees in the Little Park at Richmond, marked for the use of the navy, and if they cannot compound with Mr. Bentley for the same for ready money, to order them either to be felled and converted for the use of the navy, or exposed for sale for the benefit of the State.	132

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1658. Nov. 25	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to make out bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 2,000*l.* a week for two weeks, from 9 to 23 Aug. last, to be issued and paid by him on account of the old declarations for the last year.	Vol. 195. 133
" "	" - -	"	Like order for 3,000*l.* a week for 4 weeks, from 20 Oct. to 26 Nov. 1658, for carrying on the victualling affairs on the new declaration for the next year.	134
" "	" - -	"	Order to examine the accounts of Rich. Browne, of Pembroke, for disbursements for the Lizard frigate, and make out a bill for what shall appear due.	135
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting of the Fame at Deptford, for service in the Channel - -	136
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the officers and company of the Cornelian at Deptford - -	137
" "	Capt. S. Evans, the *Lichfield, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Went to Bristol and took charge of some vessels there bound for Bordeaux, by order of Capt. Hatsell; anchored in King's Road, where he was detained for a wind, and then went to Pennarth, where he was driven from his anchors and separated from his convoy by a storm, and had to hoist lights, which they answered, but could not get up to each other; having sprung a leak, was forced to put into Tenby. Made for Milford, where he hauled his ship on shore, stopped the leak, and took in a month's provisions. Having heard from Thos. Shewell, of Bristol, that his convoy bore up before him, will proceed on the intended voyage with them.	138
" "	Capt. Jno. Hayward, the *Essex, Gillingham Road.*	"	Has been prevented getting down through the easterly winds, though the pilot has given daily attendance on board and used all endeavours. Sir Geo. Ayscue would have come on board if they could have sailed, and now intends meeting them at Queenborough.	139
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	The Maidstone has sailed from the Hope; Capt. Howard, being yesterday on board her, told Sir Geo. Ayscue he intended to meet him to-day at the buoy of the Nore.	140
" "	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Hope.*	"	Sir Geo. Ayscue arrived at Gravesend last Friday, and came on board last Tuesday; they are now about to set sail.	141
" "	Col. Hen. Smith, *Hull.*	"	Capt. Bowen, of the Bradford, has been supplied with a pilot by the Trinity House, to carry his ship to the Sound; also with 7 or 8 men to make up his complement. Capt. Wilkinson, commander of the Weymouth pink, is in the Humber, having convoyed in some ships from the Yarmouth Roads.	142
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Humber.*	"	Having received order from the Governor of Hull to convoy 4 ships laden with lead as high as Orfordness, and two others with cloth for Dort, shall sail with the first wind. The Bradford is there also; having supplied him with some men, and having no tickets to give with them, desires Mr. Blackborne to send him some to Yarmouth Roads. Has 3 weeks' provisions left.	143

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1658.				Vol. 195.
Nov. 25	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Has come up to refit, and desires further order - - - - - - - -	144
„ 26	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	„	Capt. Higginson of the Selby has returned from St. Valery, not having met with the gentleman he was to transport; is informed by two of his servants, whom he has brought over with some necessaries to be transported to him, that he went overland to Dunkirk, so has sent the Hart pink there with them, the Selby and Portland to Portsmouth, as before directed by Lord Montague, and Capt. Baskett to Dieppe. The Wakefield wants victuals, and there are none to be had at Dover, the victualler having no money to buy any. Has appointed the Hawk ketch to convoy some vessels for Seine Head, and the Rose pink others to St. Valery, so that there are only the Richard and Torrington now in the Downs.	145
„ „	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	„	The Lichfield having sprung a leak at sea, and putting into Pembroke, has answered the captain's desires by sending lighters to unship and reship her ballast, and do what was further needed, and she is now ready to sail again with her convoy.	146
„ 27	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Desires an order for payment of the wages due to Rich. Muns, for the time he had the command of the Vulture, during the illness of Capt. Rively, he being now succeeded by Capt. Curle; hopes they will find him some other employment, as a master or lieutenant.	147
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Will haul the Amity on shore to be graved, and give her quick dispatch - - - -	148
„ „	Capt. Richard Newberry, the *Portland, Spithead.*	„	Arrived at Spithead this afternoon from the Downs, by order of Rear-Adm. Bourne, in company with the Selby.	149
„ „	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Centurion, Woodbridge.*	„	While endeavouring to come to anchor, in company with Vice-Adm. Goodson's fleet, on the evening of the 22nd inst., and having 8 men in the foretop to lower the foretopmast, the bowsprit broke, carrying away with it the foremast, foretopmast, and maintopmast, and 6 of the men, who were drowned. Had to cut away the broken masts and rigging to save the anchors and cables. Sends a certificate by the officers as to the disaster, also an order from Vice-Adm. Goodson to proceed to Harwich to repair, and if he cannot get in there, to Gravesend, and to report to the Admiralty Commissioners.	150–152
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	„	The Selby having come in to be cleaned, by order of Rear-Adm. Bourne, will give her all dispatch. Sends a letter from the captain of the Portland, which is at Spithead with other ships named; as the vessel has arrived with the cheese and fish, asks if he shall supply the Portland, she being out of both. Desires a convoy for a small vessel laden with powder and shot for Scilly.	153
„ „	Capt. Jonathan Waltham, *Nonsuch ketch, Weymouth.*	„	Has convoyed some vessels bound for Portsmouth and Weymouth, by order of the Rear-admiral, and will return to Portsmouth, to convoy those there bound for the Downs.	154

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1657.				Vol. 195.
Nov. 28	Capt. Jno. Hayward, the *Essex, Gillingham Road.*	Adm. Com.	Is still prevented pursuing their orders by the easterly winds. The pilot attends daily on board, and does his utmost to get the ship down, but there is a storm of wind at E.N.E., and all likelihood of continued bad weather.	155
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Hears by the Convert, which has arrived with the Hamburg ships, that the fleet was weighing anchor yesterday in Aldborough Bay, and that it was supposed they intended for Sole Bay, for more secure riding, and that the Centurion had gone to Harwich, having lost her foremast and maintopmast. The Essex has not yet sailed from Gillingham.	156
„ 29	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Has sent the Expedition to the fleet at Aldborough Bay. Had an express from the Vice-admiral, asking what had become of the rest of the ships and the pilots, and stating that he would be in Southwold Bay the 27th; sent him answer that it was thought Capt. Holland and the Forester were at the Scaw, and also sent him another pilot and an express from Gen. Montague. Believes there are now only 12 sail with him.	157
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Sends a letter from Sir Geo. Ayscue; if Mr. Bellamy, the victualler, had been at home, and had had power to supply on the security offered, would not have troubled them. The Essex is still detained at Gillingham by the bad weather, and the best of the pilots could not be incited to warp or kedge her down the river. The Assistance is ready for her victuals, and Capt. Cox wants some for his extra men. The Lion will be launched next tide and the Advice docked; as her repairs will take a month, asks what is to be done with her men.	158
„ „	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Centurion, Harwich.*	„	Has conferred with their agent, Mr. Browne, as to the repairs needed, and as there are plenty of masts and rigging ready, is now in hand with the refitting, and will give her all dispatch. There are over 4 months' provisions on board, and if occasion requires, can take in 2 months' more.	159
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	Is put to that extremity for want of the money due in course, that he has lost more than he may speak of, and his credit and good name are at stake; a course of law was beginning, but he stopped that while in London by borrowing 100*l.*, and now has to repay that and more, and has not 20*l.* at command. Asks if he has done anything to cause them to be worse to him than to others; hopes that his bill will be allowed and the treasurer ordered to pay it this week, or it will be a great damage to him.	160
„ „	Capt. Godfrey Reader, *Eaglet ketch, Rye.*	„	After convoying some ships to Seinehead, and returning for the Downs, had a dispute with two ships who tried to board him, but being more nimble than they, kept them off, and after chasing about for 3 hours, they bore away. Had a ketch under convoy at the time, with Lord Strangford's coach and horses on board, but has since lost sight of it; his sails and rigging being much torn through the fight, plied up to Rye to refit.	161
„ „	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Wants 200 yards of blue bewper, 2 feet broad, for altering the flags and jacks into the new form; also 3 tons of ox or goat's hair for the stores.	162

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Nov. 30	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to call the executors of the late Capt. Thos. Alderne before them, and require an account of the disbursements of the money imprested to him for buying provisions for the land forces at Jamaica, besides what he received for making provision for the fleet as victualler of the navy, and to audit the same with all speed.	Vol. 195. 163
" "	" - -	"	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Advice at Chatham -	164
" "	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Will deliver their warrant for the Wakefield to victual at Harwich to Capt. Baskett when he arrives, but fears, if he has taken in the gentleman at Dieppe, he was put to leeward by the late winds. The Acadia has returned from the Brill, and Lord Desborow's son has arrived and gone for London.	165
" "	Capt. Joseph Cubitt, *Dartmouth.*	"	On presenting his petition for some tonnage and gunnage, was ordered to leave it with Secretary Blackborne; has hitherto forborne troubling them further, but lately losing part of 5 ships, begs they will now be mindful of it.	166
" "	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Vulture, Harwich.*	"	Has been to the fleet in Sole Bay with a pilot and a packet, by order of Major Burton, and having bad weather, Capt. Grymesditch, with much ado, sent a shallop and carried them on board the Vice-admiral, whose fleet consists of 13 sail. Will return to the Roads, and then to Holland with a convoy.	167
" "	Thos. Cunningham -	"	Petition for payment of the wages due to him as a seaman on board the Speaker. Was taken prisoner at Ostend, and detained in miserable want at Ghent for 6 months; on his return, received their order to the Navy Commissioners for payment of his wages, but was informed that a woman, under pretence of being his wife, had received it 6 weeks before, whereas he was never married, and has no relations or kindred near London. With reference to the Navy Commissioners and Treasurer, to see that the petitioner is righted.	168
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a bill of exchange charged on the Navy Treasurer, and hopes it will be paid as promised. Has careened and repaired the Expedition, which was damaged by going upon the sands near Harwich, but she wants a new foremast, which may be fixed by the time she has taken in her provisions and ballast.	169
" "	Capt. Rich. Rooth, the *Dartmouth, Kinsale.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed the Hampton merchant from Spithead to Morlaix, and then went to Kinsale, and delivered a copy of his instructions to Col. Sanders, the governor, who will communicate with the lord-lieutenant; will return to his station the first opportunity. Has delivered their order to Capt. Hodges of the Basing, who is now at Kinsale.	170
Nov. ?	Gunner of the *Sovereign.*	"	Demand of arms, powder, shot, &c., required for the Sovereign, the Navy Commissioners having resolved that she is to remain where she is moored in the River Thames.	171

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Dec. 1	Capt. Robt. Clay, *Sapphire, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Plying in the Soundings and mouth of the Channel by order of Capt. Hatsell, chased one of the enemies' men-of-war of 16 guns from 7 to 11 a.m., and brought some guns to bear on him; he must have been much damnified is his masts, hull, and men, but he got away with the assistance of his oars. Towards evening chased him again, and at 10 p.m. came up within a ship's length, and fired a broadside into him, but he got away again; having received damage from his shots in the hull and mainmast, has come in to be refitted, and will return to his station.	Vol. 196. 1
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Has received their order to the Navy Commissioners for settling a guard in the river for preservation of the navy, ½ a mile below the Sovereign. As the Henrietta, now riding there, is to be one of the ships, desires that Mr. Vernon, her purser, may act for both ships, and that Mr. Baldwin, her master, the 2 quartermasters, and the carpenter, may also be retained, Baldwin being often engaged to pilot the great ships.	2
" "	Jonas Shish, John Greene.	"	Certificate that Thos. Hoplie, master carpenter of the Truelove, has been employed as a shipwright in Deptford Yard ever since she last came from sea.	3
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Muns for the time he acted as master and commander of the Vulture, during the absence of Capt. Rively, who was disabled through wounds received in a fight with the enemy.	4
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	"	Has been prevented attending to his duties through severe illness, but is now easier. Advises the discharge of the seamen entered on board-wages, they being a needless charge, and Mr. Scott asking for the money already disbursed, has no reason to run out more. The officers of the yard complain that the company of the Fame will not work, and the shipwright that there is neither timber nor plank in store to answer present occasions.	5
" "	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Saw his convoy from Yarmouth to Leith Road, and then went for the convoy bound from Burnt Island to Inverness, but the master sent word he would not be ready before to-morrow, so returned to Leith. If he neglects coming to-morrow, will repair to his station. The truth is that he, being at home and having such extraordinary cold frosty weather, with much snow, and lying at little charge, he does not much care for stirring out.	6
" 2	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	"	The Portland and Colchester have sailed; the Portland would have been supplied with fish, but the purser had received money for it before, and took a bill to London for it, and not being able to repay, the victualler's agent could not make any supply; the mariners are much annoyed thereat.	7
" 3	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Received their order to the marshall to set at liberty 39 prisoners, which will be done to-morrow, but 3 of those nominated and 4 others have died within these 8 days, and several others lie very sick. The 1s. a man to those remaining of the 38 shall be paid them. As besides the money he has disbursed for carrying on the naval affairs at Plymouth, he has laid out over 100*l.* for maintenance of the prisoners, desires they will order payment of it, although not included in his accounts sent up. The Portland and Colchester have come into the Roads, and the latter having spent her maintopmast, has provided her with another; they are now setting sail.	8

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Dec. 3	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Kinsale.*	Adm. Com.	Sailing from Milford for Ireland, met with a violent storm, and being constrained to bear before the wind, for preservation of his own and his company's lives, was compelled to cause his boat and one of the carriages of his guns, which was dismounted, to be hewn in pieces and cast into the sea. Got with much difficulty into Kinsale, and there received orders to go to Dublin, but was forced into Youghall by contrary winds, and then back to Kinsale, where he is waiting a wind. Asks to be supplied at Dublin with another boat, gun carriage, and other necessaries mentioned in a note enclosed.	Vol. 196. 9, 10
" "	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Centurion, Harwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is desired by Vice-Adm. Goodson to ask the Admiralty Commissioners for their orders as to his further proceedings; will be ready to sail by the 10th inst.	11
" "	Capt. Sam. Sharland, *Fox, Kinsale.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Plymouth on the 19th ult. with 3 vessels for Kinsale, but was stayed at Scilly by contrary winds. Left Scilly on the 26th ult., but a very tempestuous storm arising, lost the company of 2 of the vessels, and the other was driven against the cliffs, torn to pieces, and every man drowned. By cutting away his mainmast, managed to ride through the night, and the weather proving fair next day, saved his ship, but her fore and mizen sheets are gone, and her rigging much damaged. Has agreed to buy a new mast, to be had at Kinsale for 25*l.*, and will want 5*l.* more for rigging, blocks, cordage, &c. Has written the Lord Lieutenant and Council at Dublin for their order to satisfy those who supply necessaries for refitting the frigate.	12
" 4	Rear-Adm. John Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has sent the Wakefield to Harwich for speedy repair; believes her master to be able and deserving, and fit to succeed Capt. Baskett, who died on board last Thursday; as it is far from his habitation, has taken the best course he could for his decent interment at Deal next Monday. Is also requested to offer his lieutenant for the command.	13
" "	William Blaydes, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Has sent up his bills for cleaning the Charity ketch, belonging to Vice-Adm. Goodson, amounting to 9*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.*; as also for sailyard, and anchor stock supplied to Capt. Wilkinson; hopes they will order payment.	14
" "	Capt. Jno. King, *John ketch, Rolling Ground.*	"	Has been daily ranging in his station and convoying small vessels with butter, cheese, &c., belonging to Ipswich, Colchester, and other places, but has not heard of any men-of-war having been on his station the last fortnight, nor of any harm having been done by them since he has been there.	15
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	"	As the 2 new ships building at Deptford and Portsmouth are nearly ready for their carved works, desire directions as to what arms shall be placed in their sterns; whether the Protector's quartered or those of the Commonwealth; also as to the resheathing of the Tredagh, Success, and Winsby, at Woolwich.	16

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658.				Vol. 196.
Dec. 4	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Is sorry for Mr. Maplesden, who last year advanced 286*l.* on the State's account, without any advantage beyond his purveyage; he has more due by way of imprest, and has run out beyond his stock; hopes they will order him some part of it for his present necessity.	17
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Cleaning and refitting of ships. Asks for a bill of imprest for 30*l.* to pay wages - -	18
" 6	John Bayly - -	"	Petition for the gunner's place in the Gift, or any of the State's ships, having served the State for 6 years, and lately as gunner's mate in the Vulture under Capt. Rively. With certificate by Capt. Ant. Rively and Jo. Jones.	19, 20
" "	Capt. Rowl. Bevans, *Convert, Hope.*	"	Has taken in all his provisions except the beer, and has sent his purser up to look after it. There was not so much ice at Gravesend last week, so that the wherries were able to go up and down.	21
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	The fleet under Vice-Adm. Goodson set sail from Southwold last Friday; although there has been little wind since, hopes they are well on their voyage.	22
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	The Sapphire came into the Road last Saturday; she has been in a fight with an Ostend man-of-war of 16 or 18 guns, who got away in the night. As her mast, sails, and rigging are much damaged by shot, and she has lost her boat, will order a survey of her defects, and have what is needful done with all dispatch. The President, Sorlings, and Oxford, have also arrived with the Bordeaux fleet, and 6 sail from Rochelle. They were 44 in all, 37 whereof are at Plymouth, and the rest have put into Falmouth and Fowey; as those at Plymouth are bound eastward, will appoint them a convoy to the Downs. Will order the President to ply in the Soundings, and the Oxford to be cleaned and refitted.	23
" "	Geo. Kendall, *Chatham.*	Navy Com[rs]	Finding that 7 cwt. of tallow was charged for as having been expended in tallowing the Advice at Hull, which was sufficient to tallow her twice, questioned the carpenter about it, but both he and the captain affirmed they were not privy to it, and that it was done by an instrument appointed by the Navy Commissioners. Having acquainted the Treasurer and Comr. Pett therewith, at the paying of the ship, was commanded to report it, that the like might be prevented for the future.	24
" "	Capt. Henry Pack, *Amity, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has been tallowed and had the guns in 4 days, but the provisions from Ipswich are delayed by the frost; as soon as they are on board, will fulfil their orders.	25
" "	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Centurion, Harwich Water.*	"	Fears his 3 letters have miscarried and so sends copy; has come in by order, enclosed, of Vice-Adm. Goodson; will be ready to sail in 4 or 5 days. Sir Rich. Stayner's ketch belonging to the fleet was forced in by the bad weather, but put to sea again, and not being able to find the fleet, has returned for orders.	26, 26a

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Dec. 6	Edm. Portmans, *Tower Hill.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a petition from Rich. Harvy to the Admiralty Commissioners, of 19 Nov., for an order to the Treasurer for payment of his wages for the time he served as chaplain in the Satisfaction, in the late expedition to St. Helena; desires assistance in procuring it, as for want of an order, he has only received a common man's pay, and has been too ill to attend the Admiralty Commissioners.	Vol. 196. 27, 28
„ 7	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to Capt. Thos. Elliot, late commander of the Fagons, from the time he was last paid to 26 Oct. last, when Capt. Parker, late of the Bryer, took the command.	29
„ „	Robt. Blackborne -	Col. Fras. Willoughby, Navy Com^r	Vice-Adm. Goodson having written Lord Montague for a recruit of winter clothes for the marines of his squadron, the Admiralty Commissioners desire that he and the rest of the Navy Commissioners will give directions to the slopsellers to send on board the Essex and Maidstone such a quantity of clothes as they judge necessary, upon their own account.	30
„ „	Rear - Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Had Capt. Baskett decently interred yesterday. The Wakefield has sailed for Harwich, the Rose pink to the Brill, with a packet from Lord Thurloe to Mr. Downing, and the Swallow and Hawk ketch to Shoreham, to convoy a pink laden with timber on the State's account; as there are some of the enemies' men-of-war on that coast, has ordered them to keep company for better security. Has sent the Drake, with a vessel laden with hemp, for Portsmouth, and thence to St. Malo, and to bring back such as are ready to sail for England.	31
„ „	Robert Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Delivered their order to Capt. Pack, and the Amity is only waiting for her provisions from Ipswich, delayed through the river being much frozen. Particulars of ships.	32
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	The Constant Warwick has arrived from Morlaix, with 9 vessels laden with linen, bound for London and other ports. At her going into Morlaix, the pilot ran her upon the rocks, and being much damaged she was hauled on shore, and her leaks stopped with sheet lead; as she needs thorough repair, desires order therein. The Gainsborough is also damaged by shipping 2 seas; ordered her into harbour to be repaired and cleaned. Two of the prisoners died this morning, and nearly 30 more are sick. The poor creatures want clothes, physical means, and somewhat also to comfort them in their sickness, so that if their Honors will make some additional allowance to those who are sick, it may be instrumental for their recovery. Has no reason to move them as to disbursing money, did not charity prompt him to it.	33
„ „	Capt. Gervase Harestaffe, *Clifford's Tower.*	„	Has set at liberty all the prisoners in the custody of the gaoler at York Castle, paid them off as appointed, and sends an account of disbursements out of the 50*l.* received, which shows a balance in hand of 1*l.* 18*s.*	34
„ „	Rowland Johnson, the *Wakefield, Harwich.*	„	Left the Downs on the 6th inst., and will use all means for a quick dispatch. Hopes they will remember him as ever being ready to adventure for the good of the Commonwealth.	35

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1658.				Vol. 196.
Dec. 7	Thos. Scott, Jonas Shish, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Have been using all means for quick dispatch of the Marmaduke, but the ice has continued in such abundance that none of the ships can be moved until God sends means from heaven; no boat can stir from the shore to the ships, nor from the ships to the shore, though there are some men, or rather boys, who for their own sport come and go upon the ice.	36
„ 8	Capt. J. Lightfoot, *Nightingale, Downs.*	Col. Fras. Willoughby, Navy Com[r]	When last in London, spoke about several men who were turned over from the Torrington into the Assistance, and thence into the Nightingale, most of whose tickets for their pay were lost in the Scout galley, which was taken and carried to Ostend. Have given several of them certificates in lieu thereof, some of which have been paid; sends the names of the rest, to whom he has given or shall give similar certificates.	37
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Gave an account of the fleet having sailed out of Southwold Bay for the Sound; has since received a packet from the bailiffs of Southwold, directed to Vice-Adm. Goodson, but as he has gone with the fleet, asks what to do with it. Desires that Capt. Rively may be sent back to this station, as being so diligent and active, he gives good content.	38
„ „	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Bramble, Portland Road.*	„	In company with the Lark, convoyed the vessels bound for Guernsey, Jersey, and St. Malo, with the money for the Jersey garrison, and brought back 13 sail from St. Malo, laden with linen. There were two Ostenders of 16 guns each daily seen off Jersey before his arrival, but they have since departed. Intends cruising off Portland until he receives further orders, which should be sent to Weymouth.	39
„ „	Col. Hen. Smith, *Hull.*	„	Sends the names of 6 Hull pilots, who have been shipped on board the Charity ketch and the Bradford for the fleet in the Sound, and who are judged able by the masters of the Trinity House. There are many more now employed in merchant ships at Bordeaux and elsewhere, who may be had hereafter.	40
„ „	Capt. Jonathan Waltham, *Nonsuch ketch, Weymouth.*	„	Sailed on the 2nd inst. with 3 vessels bound for London, but meeting with much wind, they could not keep at sea, and became separated, so bore up for Weymouth.	41
„ 9	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to make out a bill to Capt. John Taylor for 100*l.* from Mardike moneys, as imprest on Capt. Taylor's account.	42
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Thos. White of Dover for 6*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* disbursed by him to 57 seamen, prisoners at Ghent, and put on shore at Dover, towards their travelling charges to London.	43
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to make an allowance of 40*s.* a-piece to 15 seamen named, lately belonging to the Speaker frigate, who were taken prisoners by the enemy and carried to Ghent, as a gratuity for the loss of their clothes and other sufferings during their imprisonment. The same to be over and above the 40*s.* formerly allowed by order of 16 Nov. last.	44

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1658. Dec. 9	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Is refitting the Centurion; the Wakefield has also come in to refit and victual, by order of the commander-in-chief in the Downs, but no victuals can be expected from Ipswich by water until the frost breaks up.	Vol. 196. 45
" "	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Centurion, Harwich.*	"	Is proceeding with the repair of his ship and the resetting of her masts - - - -	46
" "	Capt. Saml. Higginson, the *Selby, Portsmouth.*	"	Has all his provisions on board, and waits a wind to sail to Spithead. Wrote Mr. Blackborne for orders, but has not yet received any.	47
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Being daily troubled by a number of sick, lame, and distressed seamen, formerly prisoners at Ostend, who came to Gravesend, expecting relief from the mayor and other officers, and being an eyewitness of their sad condition, relieved 40 or 50, and took some of their notes of hand, which he encloses, and desires the amount may be stopped from their wages, and order given to repay what he has disbursed therein. Has written Mr. Turner, and sent him a note of 5 of the Speaker's men, for 20*s.* lent them for the relief of 17 or 18 of her company.	48
" 10	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	"	The Swiftsure has arrived from Dieppe, and as she was shorter of provisions than was reported, was forced to supply her with some out of the Richard; has desired the Victualling Commissioners to send her down some more, to complete sufficient for a month.	49
" "	Capt. Robt. Clarke	"	Understanding that Mathews has exhibited an information against him respecting midemeanours in the Dutch war in 1653, desires they will put a favourable construction on it till he has explained the business. It proceeds from a malicious and viperous spirit, to have lain so many years dormant, and the informer living in these parts all this time. Will wait on them to-day, to give an account thereof, if their more weighty affairs will permit; otherwise shall be ready to do so whenever commanded.	50
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Received the prices of the masts bought of Capt. Taylor, and seeing they judge it more regular for him to give a bill of exchange for that sum, and bring it to his account, has done so, though the naval charges at Plymouth are above 9,000*l.*, and a good part of it long due, and for want of money to pay several poor people that stand in need, receipts cannot be so well had to pass accounts withal, and to burden himself with imprest is truly burdensome. As the case stands, has this post charged 2 bills of exchange, for 2,000*l.* and 843*l.* 8*s.*, on Mr. Treasurer, and desires they may obtain dispatch. Sends the indents for supplies to boatswains and carpenters of several frigates, lest any should come in to be paid before accounts can be sent.	51

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1658.				Vol. 196.
Dec. 10	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Although he has been much hindered by the foul weather, yet the defects of the Sapphire are repaired; has ordered Capts. Potter and Clay to ply in the Soundings, and the Sorlings to range the coast towards Torbay, where there were lately 3 of the enemies' men-of-war. Particulars of ships. The Lord is pleased to continue the visitation on the prisoners, 3 more having died since the last post; the lieutenant of the fort says that one of the soldiers is very sick, which increases their fears, as also those of the inhabitants, but He that hath smitten can heal; trusts He will in his own good time. The great debts owing, and mostly to poor people, keeps him in more trouble than is imagined; has not been wanting in disbursing his own money for their relief, and what with that and other moneys daily disbursed for the charge of prisoners, is driven to some straits. Wants 2,000*l.* on account, whereby he may give help to those that stand in need, and himself be the more encouraged; also payment of the 140*l.* he has disbursed for the prisoners since the last accounts.	52
„ 11	Adm Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for payment of the wages due to 56 mariners named, formerly belonging to the Speaker, Wakefield, Mermaid, Nightingale, and Drake, lately come home from the prison at Ghent, as also to allow them 4*l.* a-piece for the loss of their clothes and other sufferings during their imprisonment, taking care that the same be paid to the respective persons themselves.	53
„ „	Capt. Peter Butler -	Adm. Com.	Desires warrants for the carpenter, boatswain, and gunner of the Marmaduke - - -	54
„ „	Capt. Rich. Haddock, *Dragon, Teneriffe.*	„	Sailed from the Downs to Torbay as ordered, but found the ships had sailed 5 days before, and being informed by a ship that he had seen 20 or 30 sail to the westward of the Lizard 4 days before, which proved to be a fleet that sailed out of Falmouth, he by this false information missed those he was to have convoyed, and has since been laying off Teneriffe, &c., hearing that some West India ships were expected. Sends this by the Portsmouth, who is about resailing with 8 or 10 ships bound for London; there are 12 more remaining, and as it is feared they will not be all ready to sail homewards at the same time, and he has orders not to come with less than 8, has resolved to stay until his provisions grow short, and then come home with those that are ready.	55
„ „	John Timbrell, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has served the dockyard at Portsmouth with ironwork for many years, and there is now more than 1,600*l.* due to him, notwithstanding the 379*l.* 19*s.* lately paid, and by the end of this quarter it will be nearly 2,000*l.* Owes 300*l.* for iron, and has taken up 400*l.* at interest to go on with the service; there are now 4 ships under repair in the dock, which will take 500*l.* or 600*l.* worth of ironwork, besides other frigates that may come in, and divers sorts of work in the yard. Unless they speedily order him a good sum, cannot go on any further, having not wherewith to buy or to pay wages; has a great family, and not wherewith to subsist, and there is no more trust, by reason the money is so long coming.	56

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1658. Dec. 13	John Browne, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	In reply to the complaint of several persons employed in making ropes, of his slackness in making out their bills for work delivered into the stores, knows of no bills that he is to make of that nature, nor that any man makes ropes except Geo. Billingsly, who makes the twice-laid ropes, and who is borne on the quarter books, and Thomas Leverett, who makes twine and lines, which is quarterly made into a bill. If it is concerning hemp bills, Capt. Pett makes them out, and he examines and signs them; there were 3 bills brought to his lodgings when absent, which were sent down to Chatham to be examined and signed, and they were then sent back to Mr. Green.	Vol. 196. 57
„ „	Edw. Bilton and 4 others.	Adm. Com.	Send an account of the amounts due to each of them on their old and new contract for supply of hemp, and desire an order for payment of what is due on the old, amounting to 4,457*l.* 17*s.* 4½*d.*, leaving 9,956*l.* 17*s.* 11½*d.* due on the new.	58
„ „	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	„	Wants two cables of 19 inches, an anchor of 5,000 lbs. weight, in exchange for a lighter one, and some old ropes for the Richard.	59
„ „	„ „	„	Will observe their order as to the disposal of the Lily and other ships named when they come in. The Cheriton has arrived, but is disabled for want of men, having left 22 sick at Dover; will take care for her supply. Has sent the Torrington to Dover to take in Lord Lockhart, with the money for the garrison at Dunkirk.	60
„ „	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Centurion, Harwich.*	„	Hopes to have his mast set and rigged to-day, and will then sail with their packets to Agent Meadows and Vice-Adm. Goodson.	61
„ 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to enter John Royston as purser of the Truelove frigate, and Henrietta pinnace, appointed as a guard for the River Medway.	62
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to imprest 500*l.* to Rob. Turpin, for sick and wounded seamen - - - -	63
„ „	Capt. Rowland Bevans, *Convert, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	His beer, which has been delayed by the frost, having arrived, and Mr. Jasper promising to come down to-morrow, will then take the first opportunity to prosecute their order.	64
„ „	Abraham Callant, *Vulture, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Desires an order to the commander to survey his remains of gunner's stores, the frigate having been at sea 24 months, and had 3 commanders during that time; asks leave to come up to the Tower, to pass his accounts as gunner, and get a fresh supply of stores.	65
„ „	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Bramble, Portland Road.*	„	Received their order to cruise about with the Lark, and is about to sail. A Dutch man-of-war has put in through foul weather; he has orders for himself and two others to cruise between Seinehead and Ushant, to prevent their merchant ships being seized by the French with Portuguese commissions. The Bramble having been off the ground 4 months, and having only 1 week's provisions left, desires order to refit and victual; the Lark is nearly out of provisions. Will call at Weymouth in a week.	66

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1658. Dec. 14	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Came in the 11th inst., but has been prevented getting the ketch on shore to clean through the hard winds; will make all haste to get in his provisions and return to his station. Had to purchase some at Dunwich to carry him to Harwich.	Vol. 196. 67
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	"	Will deliver their packet for Sweden to the commander of the Centurion; she is now in port fitting her mainmast, and will sail to-morrow. The Amity is waiting for the rest of her victuals; the Roe ketch has come in to clean and victual.	68
" "	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Centurion, Harwich*	Navy Com^rs	Asks them to speak to Lord Montague for procuring him some portion of the money due to him out of the Exchequer, as what with fitting himself out for a winter's voyage, and his wife's confinement, he has left her very bare of money. Thanks for 50*l.* received, and many other favours; would not trouble them were he not necessitated.	69
" "	Capt. Robt. Henfield, the *Acadia.*	"	Sends the muster-book of entries, discharges, deaths, and runaways, since 28 March last -	70
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	The Selby is setting sail for the Downs, with several merchant ships, but the Nonsuch ketch is still in harbour. Desires settlement of a bill of imprest towards payment of board wages.	71
" 15	Major Wm. Burton, [*Yarmouth*].	Adm. Com.	Returns the packet received from them, and is obliged for the news of the taking of the pirate in the Straits. The Vulture has returned from convoying a vessel with ammunition to Hull, and the Expedition has sailed with a fleet. There are 3 vessels bound for Bordeaux waiting for a convoy.	72
" "	Capt. Simon Evans, the *Lichfield, Milford.*	"	Attended on his convoys till they lost company in foul weather, and was forced into Milford, where he has since been detained. Sends a note from Thos. Shewell of Bristol, to say that one of his convoy, the Samaritan, having become disabled, was forced to bear up to King's Road to refit, and to desire him, if he had put into Milford, to call for her, when he might have a supply of victuals. Has heard from Capt. Hodges that the rest had put into Kinsale, where they intended to take in a month's provisions and proceed on their voyage. Has had such a very great storm that his ship drove a long way with 3 anchors ahead, and made much water; he has endeavoured to stop the leak, but she must be hauled on shore before she will be fit to proceed. Having been detained 18 days, and the winds still being contrary, asks whether to go to Kinsale or to Plymouth, when he can get out.	73, 74
" "	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Centurion, Harwich.*	"	Has received 14 packs of clothes on board, belonging to Capt. Beckford, and his purser has given a receipt for them; will see they are delivered according to direction on his arrival at the fleet.	75
" 16	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, Harwich.*	"	Has been plying in his station, and convoying vessels laden with merchants' goods for Lynn, Hull, Yarmouth, and London, which he has seen safe to the Roads and the Thames. Becoming leaky, put into Harwich, where Mr. Grassingham made him tight.	76

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1658.				Vol. 196.
Dec. 16	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Vulture, Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has seen the ship with the powder for the garrison at Hull to the Humber, and is now bound for the Maas in Holland; but having only 14 days' provisions left, asks where to refit on his return.	77
„ „	Capt. Rich. Hodges, the *Basing, Milford.*	„	Sailed from Dublin for Chester, with Major Eyres, who had a packet from the Lord Lieutenant, but was compelled by the foul weather to land him before reaching there, and to make for Milford; his mainsail having split, was forced into Kinsale, where he received their order from Capt. Rooth to repair to Portsmouth. Sailed as far as Scilly, but was forced into Milford, and is waiting a wind. Has never known such high winds and snow as the last month; they still continue, and there have been several vessels cast away upon this and the Irish coast; one belongs to Capt. Hatsell of Plymouth, all her men being drowned; two more were cast away coming into Milford, and most of their men drowned. There is a Holland man-of-war put in which came with a convoy from Bordeaux, but lost them all; 2 or 3 of them have since arrived.	78
„ 17	Jno. Aldworth, *Toulon.*	„	The foul weather having hindered the discharging of the prize goods, cannot send an account of them till next post. The ship being leaky, many of the hides and some of the cork are much damaged; asks a speedy order for their disposal. The Admiral is still detained by the weather, but will put out as soon as he can, with the Dover and Malaga frigates, leaving the Fairfax to follow in a few days.	79
„ „	Cap. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	The Constant Warwick has come in to be repaired, but this and the works on the Gainsborough have been delayed through weather. Sent three ships to convoy vessels of Lyme, Topsham, Dartmouth, &c., and the Sorlings to range the coast eastwards towards Portland and back; on her return, will speak with Jno. Reeves, whom Capt. Morris desires as minister. The great necessities of the service require money, and his straits and troubles are such, by disbursements and complaints of poor people, that he begs a considerable supply.	80
„ „	Jonas Shish, *Deptford.*	„	Gives a list of 14 vessels at Deptford. There is no other ship there called the Mary, except the Mary prize, taken by the Preston.	81
„ 18	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Wm. Blaydes of Hull for what is due for washing, tallowing, and searching the Charity ketch, and for necessaries supplied to the Weymouth pink, the provisions to be charged to the persons who received them.	82
„ „	Capt. Mic. Mutton, the *Norwich, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Saw the English and Scotch vessels safe to their ports, and then went to the Orkney Isles, to carry Capt. Hen. Watson, governor of Kirkwall, and his people, with a provision of stores for the garrison there; after landing them, brought back 4 large pieces of the State's ordnance, and delivered them at Leith Citadel. Has since experienced the worst weather he has known for 2 winters, and has been several days in convoying a fleet of laden Scotch vessels bound for London to the Yarmouth Roads. Ralph Lassels, his master, is on shore at Leith, sick.	83

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1658.				Vol. 196.
Dec. 18	Thos. White, *Dover*	Major-Gen. Kelsey, *Pall Mall.*	Thanks for answering his desires in speaking to Sec. Blackborne; intreats for money, having paid out all he had, and men are daily at his door, not only for payment of the present quarter, but for the last; has been forced to pay a greater part of it to stop their mouths. There is 717*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* due to him on his former account. The prisoner from Plymouth has gone over to Flanders.	84
„ 19	[John Stainforth, deputy-marshal].	—	List of 20 men and boys, prisoners in Chelsea College, who have escaped - - -	85
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Convert sailed from the Hope yesterday - - - - - - - -	86
„ 20	Jno. Aldworth, *Toulon.*	„	Has still been prevented landing the goods from the prize through the foul weather, and they are much damaged by the wet. The taking of Papachine, the pirate, by the Phœnix, will be very disheartening to the rest of the pirates in the French seas. The Admiral is on board the Lyme, and will sail for Leghorn the first fair wind, with the Taunton and Malaga; the Dover and Fairfax may be ready to follow him in 12 or 15 days.	87
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	The Swallow and Nonsuch have put into Dover, but the Swallow will proceed to Shoreham; the Nonsuch, having been victualled and supplied with a new boat for one lost at sea, will also go out again the first wind. Lord Lockhart took shipping for Dunkirk on Saturday. Wants 40 cwts. of tallow, and 1,000 ells of Vitry canvas for the stores; as there is a Dover hoy at the Custom House Quay, desires they will order the storekeeper to send them. Is also in want of money.	88
„ 21	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to take up as many ships in the Thames as will transport 350 soldiers and 600 beds to Dunkirk; if the owners are unwilling to let them to freight for the purpose, they are to impress them, and have them ready to receive the men and beds at Tower Wharf on Thursday. If the vessels cannot conveniently come to the Tower, they are then to hire boats, hoys, and barges to carry the men and beds on board. On the ships arriving at Dunkirk, the soldiers and beds are to be disposed of according to orders from Lord Lockhart or the commander-in-chief there; they are also to bring back to Deal as many of the officers and soldiers of Col. Guibon's regiment as they can take in.	89
„ „	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Fame at Deptford -	90
„ „	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Bramble, Portland Road.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail for Portsmouth to-night to victual as ordered; has left the Lark to cruise on the station until his return, when she will victual.	91

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1658. Dec. 21	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Portland Road.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed the vessels before named to their several ports; cruising in the Bay, was like to have been boarded by one of the enemy; but on discovering who he was, she made off, whereupon he gave chase; she, to lighten the ship, threw the boat and several casks overboard, and made for the coast of France, their general rendezvous, and the weather being thick and foul, she escaped. Hears since that Capt. Lambert was chasing another at the same time, who also got off. Received their order for victualling, but has been constrained already to take up 14 days' provisions of Capt. Geo. Pley, and will be forced to take up more to serve until Capt. Cornelius returns from Portsmouth; will cruise on their station in the meantime.	Vol. 196. 92
" "	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	"	Particulars of ships. By order of Lord Montague and Sec. Thurloe, has sent the Nightingale to Dieppe, to fetch the eldest son of Lord St. John to England. Has appointed the Oxford to convoy her and other vessels bound for Morlaix and Plymouth. Lord Montague having sent for a frigate to convey Lady Stuart, Lord Paulet's son, and Dr. Fleetwood from Dover to France, has ordered the Cheriton to go. Asks what to do with the Guinea. Sends Capt. John Stoakes' commission to Capt. Jef. Peirce to take charge of her, 17 Oct. 1658, and his orders to him, Toulon, 24 Oct., to ask orders on arrival in England for the disposal of Capt. Whitstone, and to send up his papers to Mr. Blackborne.	93–95
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	As the lieutenant and master of the Gainsborough are good officers and honest men, trusts the service will not suffer by the leave of absence granted to Capt. Heaton, who is very thankful for it, and hopes to regain his strength. The Sorlings has come in to be repaired, having been much beaten about at sea; encloses surveys of her defects, and those of the Constant Warwick. The master of the Sorlings has died of a violent fever; recommends as successor Thos. Shepheard, late lieutenant of the Marston Moor in the West Indies, and chief mate in the Fairfax and other ships, who has a very high character from Capt. Blagg, and an ample certificate. Particulars of ships.	96–98
" "	Capt. Robt. Ingram	"	Having 7,500*l.* due to him for goods delivered into the stores since June 1657; cannot answer demands lately received for a large quantity of provisions to be forthwith delivered, without payment of a considerable part of the above sum out of this week's receipt, having to deal with poor men, who must have ready money.	99
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Plymouth.*	"	Came in on the 17th inst., and his ship being very foul, and having other defects, Capt. Hatsell has ordered her in to refit and tallow. As John Reeves has officiated as minister since 17th July last, and is a very able honest man, desires they will grant him a warrant. Thos. Freeman, his master, has just died; begs they will make provision for another. With recommendation by John Moore, of Withicombe, to Major-Gen. Kelsey, of John Reeves for a chaplain's place in the navy.	100, 101

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Dec. 21	Sam. Raven, assistant to the master shipwright at *Woolwich.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for a house to reside in, in the yard. His habitation being distant, he has much difficulty in performing his duties, and it impairs his health. With reference to the Navy Commissioners.	Vol. 196. 102
„ „	Col. Hen. Smith, *Hull*	„	Capt. Parker of the Charity ketch, who carried the pilots from Hull to the fleet, has been separated from them and forced into Hull, and being damaged by the ice, will require repairing, but will rejoin the fleet, which is at Gottenburgh. Having only 20 men, and some of them being ill, he desires an order to take in 10 more, as also provisions for them. Will send an account concerning Wolfe as soon as he returns.	103
„ „	Capt. Valentine Tatnell, jun., *Adventure, Aldborough Bay.*	„	Was with the fleet on the 15th, 7 or 8 leagues off the Scaw, and they not being able to get nearer on account of the ice and the violent cross winds, the vice-admiral called a council of war, when it was agreed to bear up for England, and rendezvous in Hoseley Bay. After that, became separated, and made for Aldborough Bay, expecting to find the fleet, and came up with the Elias, much shattered by the foul weather, as also Capt. Lilburne of the Rose pink, who has arrived in the road with a packet from the Hague, but the Elias is still at sea. Being light and having bad cables, desires order to go to Harwich to recruit.	104
„ 22	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Sailed from Orfordness on the 6th inst., with the Essex and Maidstone, and fell in with the fleet 13 leagues off the Scaw; on the 15th, left with a packet for Lord Thurloe, to be landed at Harwich or Yarmouth, with order to repair to Hoseley Bay, and wait the arrival of the Vice-admiral.	Vol. 197. 1
„ „	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Elias, Hoseley Bay.*	„	On the fleet leaving the coast of Jutland for England on the 16th inst., they were dispersed in a violent storm; has not met any of them since, save the Adventure, which is riding in the Rolling Ground with her foretopmast struck. The Elias has all the lower part of her stern beaten in, and her head much damaged by the violence of the sea; asks where to take her to be repaired.	2
„ „	Rich. Dermot, *Post House, West Chester.*	Navy Com^rs^	Capt. Rich. Cowes of the Paradox has come over, by order of the Lord Deputy of Ireland, to transport the treasure for Dublin; but having lost his boat, and received some damage, he has applied for money to buy a new boat and grave the frigate. Asks whether to draw a bill on the treasurer for what he needs, and also to supply other ships that may come in. The Basing has been forced through St. George's Channel.	3
„ „	Christopher Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Sends an account of provisions formerly demanded for supply of the stores, and desires they may be speedily sent, as also an order for lighting an additional fire in the smith's forge, being much straitened for ironwork. The present forge is out of repair, and the rebuilding of it will cost 35*l.*	4

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1658.				Vol. 197.
Dec. 23	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for surveying and refitting the Bryer at Deptford - - - - - - -	5
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order for paying the wages due to her officers and company - - - - - -	6
" "	Capt. Peter Bowen, the *Bradford, Humber.*	Adm. Com.	Got to the fleet off the Scaw with much difficulty, and after giving Vice-Adm. Goodson an account of his business, was commanded to ply with the fleet. The wind continuing easterly, with very bad weather and much ice, several councils of war were held, and all the pilots in the fleet sent for, when it was resolved that, as the season was far advanced, and there was no hope of getting to Elsinore, they should all make for Sole Bay. Afterwards there was a very violent storm, with much snow; the fleet became separated, and it is feared much harm done, as he met one of the great frigates which had lost all her masts, save her mizenmast; the Fagons was supposed to have been taken by the ice, the Assurance only got through it with much difficulty; his own ship is much damaged in her rigging and sails; has 17 men sick with fevers and ague, by reason of the cold, and having no fresh water. Asks what to do with Sir Philip Meadows' letter. Is about to convoy 2 cloth ships bound for Rotterdam to the Yarmouth Roads, by order of Col. Smith; is sorry that they are displeased at his putting into the Humber, but could not find a pilot elsewhere capable of taking him into the Sound.	7
" "	Capt. Jno. King, *John ketch, The Swinn.*	"	Is ranging on his station to secure the merchantmen. A small ship scared on shore a hoy laden with butter and cheese, taken to be one of the enemies' men-of-war; but on speaking with her, found her to be a Hollander from Rotterdam, bound for Gravesend with merchants' goods.	8
" 24	Adm. Judges, *Ostend.*	—	Propose the exchange of Thos. Grey for Melchior de Crocke, prisoner in Chelsea College -	9
" "	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Will send the Torrington and Guinea on the service required, and supply them with provisions out of his own ship. The Oxford, with her convoys, is still detained in the Downs by the westerly winds; as her provisions are nearly expended, will get her supplied from Dover.	10
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Will send the Amity to Dunkirk, with such men as Major Cadwell shall put on board; she is now waiting in the Roads for a file of men from Lynn; will order Capt. Pack to bring over what men he can conveniently stow. There is a Swede with many seamen arrived, which was going to the Sound, but put back with the fleet, which are much scattered, and some have lost their masts. The Swede having but one day's provisions desired a supply; cannot grant it without order. Will send the Weymouth pink to victual at Harwich.	11
" "	Col. Hen. Smith, *Hull.*	"	Supposes Capt. Bowen of the Bradford has given an account of his coming in yesterday, as also of the return of the fleet to the English coast, being forced back by a violent storm; as he is bound for Yarmouth Roads, has desired him to convoy 2 ships thither, bound for Holland. Capt. Parker has gone with the ketch to wait on the Vice-admiral at Sole Bay.	12

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1658. Dec. 24	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed the Hull ships laden with cloth to the Brill, by order of the governor of Hull, and is about to convoy several ships for London, by order of Major Burton; will return to Harwich for orders. His pink wants repairing, and has not been tallowed for 6 months.	Vol. 197. 13
„ „	Capt. Edw. Witheridge, the *Plymouth, Aldborough.*	„	Arrived at Sole Bay yesterday, and as the Vice-admiral appointed Hoseley Bay as the rendezvous of the fleet, before it parted on the 15th inst., is making all speed to get there. Does not know what became of the rest of the fleet, as he has only seen the Bridgwater, which had lost all her masts except the mizen.	14
„ 25	Capt. Ant. Archer, *Forester, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	The fleet being at anchor near the Scaw on the 12th inst., a council of war was held as to whether they might venture up the Sound, seeing there were several islands of ice of from 3 to 4 miles long driving by, whereupon it was resolved to return to Hoseley Bay. A storm coming on that night at N.E., next morning saw one of the great frigates with only her mizen mast standing. Endeavoured, with other frigates, to keep her company, and had all his sails furled and yards lowered, but lost her in the storm; after spending 3 days in trying to find her, came into Yarmouth Roads, and will take the first opportunity to get to Hoseley Bay. Supposes that she and the Bridgwater got up a small jury foresail.	15
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell, for the use of Capt. Hatsell, for 582*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.* disbursed by him for maintenance of prisoners of war.	16
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Asks whether the Bramble and Lark are to be tallowed as well as victualled, it being a matter of necessity.	17
„ 27	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	„	Capt. Simon Evans of the Lichfield, and 11 of his company, intending to go on shore in the ship's boat from Milford Harbour, the boat overturned, and the captain and 7 of his men were lost; it was a sad spectacle to the beholders, as they could not help them. Sent his servant on board to desire the master and other officers to use their best care in their respective places; they are much troubled, as the captain has not signed for their expenditure of the stores; the present master has only been lately appointed by Capt. Hatsell, and there is no purser. As there were 18 sick men on board, has ordered them to be brought to Pembroke, where care shall be taken of them.	18
„ „	Capt. Roger Cuttance, *Weymouth.*	„	His son, in going with a convoy to Bordeaux, has been taken prisoner, with his mate and another, and carried to St. Sebastian's, where they are closely confined, through the means of Capt. Beach's wife, until her husband, who is a prisoner in England, is set at liberty, when they will be sent back in exchange. Desires they will grant Capt. Beach's enlargement, so that his son may be returned to his parents and wife, he having served as a lieutanant in the last engagements.	19

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1658.				Vol. 197.
Dec. 27	Capt. Robt. Blake, the *Newbury, Aldborough Bay.*	Adm. Com.	They will have heard on what grounds it was resolved that the fleet should bear up for the English coast, and how they were separated, partly through the disasters that befel the ships, and partly through the extremity of the weather. Will get to the rendezvous at Hoseley Bay as soon as the wind permits. Can give no account of the Vice-admiral or any of the rest, save those which have arrived at Aldborough; is thankful the Lord has delivered them from the mercilessness of the winds and rage of the seas.	20
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	„	Particulars of the arrival of ships. The Bridgwater, which has lost her masts, has been brought up to Lowestoft, and a cable and anchor having been cut away there, has sent a vessel to find them. Desires order for quartering Col. Salmon's men when they land, as the town and the inns and taphouses are too poor to do it.	21
„ „	Capt. B. Gilpin, the *Nantwich, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Has been keeping company with the Bridgwater since the 17th, as she lost her masts the day before, by coming foul of the Swiftsure, to the great danger of both ships and men. Has been endeavouring to gain the rendezvous at Hoseley Bay, as ordered by Vice-Admiral Goodson, but unable to do so by contrary winds and the ship's being disabled. Came to anchor in the sea off the Hole Bank, where they rode with the Preston, who also lost her foremast and bowsprit off Jutland, but they have since put her into sailing condition. Got within the land to-day, with a hard gale and thick weather, leaving the Preston behind, and came to anchor, but was forced to cut his cable and run for Yarmouth Roads, leaving the Bridgwater riding near.	22
„ „	Jonas Shish, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Account of stores wanting for repair of ships. The smith wants a warrant to use some old bolts in the stores.	23
„ „	Capt. Kirby, *Ruby, Hoseley Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Has just arrived at the appointed rendezvous. Lost sight of the Vice and Rear-admiral and 4 of the fleet on the 25th, 20 leagues from Yarmouth; having sprung his mainmast and bowsprit, could not keep them company. While riding on the coast of Jutland, spoiled his best bower cable and capstan, and lost the anchor, and being otherwise damaged, desires orders.	24
„ „	Bartholomew Peartree, the *Lichfield, Milford.*	„	The captain going on shore in a sailing boat, with 11 of his company, on the 25th inst., the boat was overset, and the captain and 7 of his men drowned. Went to Rich. Browne of Pembroke and Hen. White for advice, when they concluded, with the rest of the officers, that as the wind was contrary, and there were 18 men on board dangerously sick, they should stay until order was received from the Admiralty Commissioners. Hopes they will grant him the place of master, as desired by the late captain, having already so served 3 months; has now the sole charge of the ship.	25
„ 28.	Capt. Anth. Earning, the *Bridgwater, Aldborough Bay.*	„	Having lost his masts, has come in, after much difficulty and great hardships, but cannot give a particular account at present, the Swede's ambassador going away so suddenly. Parted company with the Preston on Sunday, she having lost her foremast and bowsprit; the Nantwich came with him, by order of the Vice-admiral, but coming to anchor off Lowestoft, and her cable breaking, she bore away for Yarmouth Roads. Will get to Hoseley Bay.	26

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1658. Dec. 28	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Sent their orders to the commander of the Elias in Hoseley Bay; the Adventure, having been supplied with what she needed, is about to sail there, to wait for the rest of the fleet, which are upon the coast. The Weymouth pink has come in to repair and victual.	Vol. 197. 27
" "	Capt. John Hayward, the *Essex, Aldborough Bay.*	"	Came to anchor yesterday with the Newbury and Maidstone, having lost the Vice-admiral and the rest of the fleet in a storm on the 15th inst; has Sir George Ayscue on board, with 80 of his retinue and company. The Bridgwater has lost her masts, but has come in with jury masts.	28
" "	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Aldborough Bay.*	"	Came in yesterday with the Newbury and Essex. Has Sir Gustavus Duvall, the King of Sweden's agent and his retinue, as also 100 of Sir George Ayscue's officers and company on board; Sir George and his retinue are on board the Essex. The Bridgwater is in Sole Bay. Supposes Vice-Adm. Goodson has given an account of the return of the fleet, and all the passages of the voyage.	29
" "	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Weymouth Road.*	"	Has been forced in by extremity of weather. Understands from Capt. Geo. Pley that Capt. Cornelius and himself were to take in a quantity of canvas on the State's account for Portsmouth; although the Lark has only 3 days' provisions, and her foremast disabled, has endeavoured to make room for it, and will take under his charge a vessel with provisions on the State's account, as desired by Capt. Pley, and sail to-night.	30
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	The Marmaduke has come down, and is the only State's ship at Gravesend - - -	31
" 29	Capt. Jeremy Country, *Greyhound, Spithead.*	"	Has been to St. Malo with the Griffin and Wolf and 14 sail under convoy, and being detained there by contrary winds, was reduced to half allowance for 3 weeks and compelled to buy. Brought back 6 laden vessels for various ports, but meeting with a storm and springing a leak, had much difficulty to keep afloat, and having 4 feet of water in the hold, was continually baling and pumping. The Griffin, with two of his convoys, hearing his guns and seeing his lights, bore after him, but supposes they went for Weymouth.	32
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Capt. Country of the Greyhound has returned from St. Malo, and having sprung a leak, and being out of provisions, asks whether he is to be refitted and victualled there or at Plymouth.	33
" "	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, Swinn.*	"	Has been convoying vessels up and down the Swinn, as also to Yarmouth and the Thames. There are men-of-war continually coming into this station, with commissions to take Danes, and great complaint by the English craft using the London trade of being chased on shore by them; asks what to do, as he often meets them.	34
" "	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Navy Victuallers, *Tower Hill.*	Having supplied the Guinea with 3 weeks' provisions for 130 men, desires they will order the same quantity to be sent down with speed.	35

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Dec. 29	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Four vessels having arrived, with 350 soldiers and 600 beds for Dunkirk, has ordered the Wakefield to convoy them over, and take orders from Lord Lockhart about transporting Col. Salmon's regiment; has sent the Guinea with like orders, and the Torrington will follow as soon as victualled; having to supply her and the Guinea, it brings his own victuals to a very short scantling. In case the 3 ships cannot carry all the regiment, has ordered the Torrington to take the remainder, otherwise to return for directions.	Vol. 197. 36
„ 30	„ „	Rob. Blackborne.	Two Flemings have arrived from the Canaries, and report that the English merchant ships were there 3 weeks since, and would be ready to sail 14 days after, and that the Spanish West India fleet of 40 sail had arrived at Point Negro, so that if any evil has been done by them to the merchant ships, it was long since, and cannot now be prevented; nevertheless wishes them safe home. Has ordered the Torrington to Portsmouth, there being no occasion for her in the transportation of Col. Salmon's regiment from Dunkirk.	37
„ „	„ „	[Adm. Com.]	The Amity has arrived, and as she, with the Guinea and Wakefield, will be sufficient to transport Col. Salmon's regiment from Dunkirk, has sent the Torrington to Portsmouth to revictual, &c. The Oxford has sailed with her convoys for Plymouth.	38
„ „	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Leith Road to his station, and remained there until his fresh water was spent, and the foul weather forced him into the Humber. There received orders from the governor of Hull to convoy ships bound for London to the Yarmouth Roads, and meeting a fleet there from Bordeaux, and 5 Scotch ships, saw them to the Leith Road. Has now received order from General Monk to convoy other ships for the Yarmouth Roads, and will sail to-day. Has 4 weeks' provisions left.	39
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Sends a note from Mark Harrison, desiring the appointment of Abr. Crane as gunner of the Truelove, and Jno. Ferell as boatswain of the Henrietta, those ships being designed as a guard in the River Medway.	40, 41
„ „	71 seamen - -	Lord Protector.	Petition for an order for the allowance of their pay during the 7 months they were prisoners in Ostend and Ghent; thanks for the 4*l.* allowed to each to buy clothes, &c. Suffered great privations while prisoners, and one of them, Ant. Crookes, had one of his feet rotted off. With reference thereon to the Navy Committee.	42
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the repair of ships - - - - - - - - -	43
„ 31	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Lynn Deeps.*	„	Has been convoying some Lynn vessels to the Yarmouth Roads, and is now plying about the Deeps.	44

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658. Dec. 31	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a letter from Capt. Robt. Clay of the Sapphire of 29 Dec., stating that, having lost his mainmast and received other damage, he has been compelled to put into Falmouth to repair, and will proceed to his station. Will observe their orders respecting the prisoners. The Oxford has arrived, with the Friendship of London and other vessels under convoy, bound for Lisbon, France, &c.; will see them as far as the Rock. Particulars of ships.	Vol. 197. 45, 46
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Has examined several hoymen as to the loss of the beer sent in the Mayflower hoy, commanded by Jno. Randall, and finds that he did not know the Channel, nor was fit for such an undertaking; also that his hoy was one of those employed at the Chalk Wharves between Gravesend and London, which being built very low, are not fit for anything else. Has endeavoured further discoveries in Nutt's business, and believing it will prove very foul, shall pursue it to the utmost.	47
,, ,,	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	,,	Sends an account of the defects in the Convertine; it will cost between 500*l.* and 600*l.* to make them good, besides the charge of bringing her into dry dock; as she is old, much decayed, and of mean quality, thinks the expence would be ill bestowed. Will do no more to her until he knows their pleasure. Wants the 2-inch planks and spruce deals formerly demanded, and some cash, and begs a supply, or will be forced to discharge a great part of the hands suddenly, and leave the works unfinished.	48, 49
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover*	—	Account of disbursements in repairing and refitting ships, from 29 Sept. to 31 Dec. 1658.	50
Dec.	——	—	Folding sheet endorsed "An estimate of the wages due to all officers and mariners in the State's ships to the last of Oct. 1658. 13,410 men."	51
			Undated Petitions relating to the Navy.	
1658? ,,	Thos. Barton - -	Navy Com^rs	For the place of cook on the Satisfaction, under Capt. Butler. With certificate by Sir John Ireton, lord mayor, and Clement Oxenbridge.	52
,,	Gafregan Bossavern, lieutenant of the *Nonsuch.*	Gen. Desborow.	For a hearing before the Admiralty Commissioners in his own defence, which they refuse. Has served several years, and on his return to be paid, finds his wages stopped.	53
,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	For audience and payment of his wages. Has served faithfully 12 years, but coming to Chatham to be paid off, finds his wages stopped. With note that Capt. Penrose and Mr. Sanders are to be arbitrators in the case, and Capt. Hatsell umpire.	54
,,	Ann, wife of Wm. Bostock, joiner to the navy at *Chatham.*	Navy Com. now sitting at *Chatham Hill.*	To continue her husband in his employment, for the sake of his and her small children. Cannot excuse his ill husbandry, but hopes God's spirit may effect his reformation.	55

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1658 ?				Vol. 197.
"	Kath. Bowyer, widow, *Woolwich.*	Adm. Com.	For speedy payment of 2000*l.*, 488*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* and 361*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* of which has been due to her nearly 2 years, and the rest nearly a year, for ironwork served into the stores at Woolwich.	56
"	John Bowyer, shipwright.	"	To be carpenter on the Maria, the Redhorse pink, on which he served well 20 months, being sold	57
"	John Bowyer and John Bulfinch, instruments to Rob. Sewell, in-storekeeper.	"	For increase of salary. Have only 13*d.* a day, labourers' wages, though their business is of great concern. Could not have lived had not the storekeeper allowed them 6*l.* a year.	58
"	Rob. Bradley, shipwright.	"	That his servant, Thos. Lancaster, may work in the State's yard at Deptford, and that he may supply by deputy his carpenter's place on the Fame, held 33 months, being dark-sighted through heats and colds in service at Mardike.	59
"	John Chandler, late lieutenant of the *Rainbow.*	Gen. Montague.	For command of a small vessel. Has served since 1653, 3 years in the Reserve, and in 3 other ships, but has been long at home, waiting employment.	60
"	Wm. Colson - -	Adm. Com.	For relief for himself and other pilots, that they may again be enabled to set forth to serve his Highness and the State, no order being made on their former petition.	61
"	Wm. Comely - -	Gen. Montague.	To be master's mate in the present expedition. Served through the wars as master and pilot, and was 10 years master of the Princess Maria.	62
"	John Harding, platemaker.	Adm. Com.	For order to the Navy Treasurers to pay 16 bills, from May 1657 to June 1658, for stores delivered into the Tower, &c., being 1,600*l.*, for want of which his credit is much impaired. With account of the bills.	63, 64
"	Alice, widow of Jas. Harvey, mariner.	"	For the full pay of her husband under Capt. Best, and then under Capt. Tatnell, from Feb. 1656–7 to April 1658, when he died, but Tatnell returned him a runaway and stopped 3 months' pay, because the ship sailed when he was on shore at Deal, and he had to follow it long before he found it.	65
"	Thos. Harvy, cook -	"	To be cook in the Patrick or Mitchell going from Plymouth, the pay in the Roe, in which he last served, being so small that he cannot maintain his family.	66
"	Alex. Hubbert, shipwright.	"	To be carpenter on a ship or to work in Chatham Yard. Served in all the engagements against the Dutch, and has served at Mardike, but is discharged, and has not received his wages.	67
"	Jos. Ingram - -	"	To be chaplain in the Dover under Capt. John Blithe, with whom he became acquainted in the West Indies.	68
"	" - -	"	For payment of his allowance for 5 months' service in the Dover under Capt. John Blithe, who died before his warrant was signed.	69

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1658 ?				Vol. 197.
"	Jos. Ingram - -	Adm. Com.	Like petition. The Navy Commissioners would not pay his ticket, as to the groats, without a warrant. Has a large family and wants money.	70
"	Rob. Ingram, ironmonger.	"	To pay 598*l.* 18*s.* due for nails, ironwork, &c., delivered at low rates for ready money from Dec. 1656 to March 1657, few being unpaid for that quarter. Has delivered 4,551*l.* 2*s.* worth since; has daily demands for the summer's fleet, and deals with poor men who must be paid.	71
"	" "	Navy Com.	To like effect, 5,500*l.* being due to him - - - - - - - - -	72
"	Thos. Jones, mariner.	Lord Adm. Montague.	For employment as gunner, boatswain, or midshipman. Lost part of a hand in the Portland fight against the Dutch, and has had little employment for many years since.	73
"	Valentine Jones -	Col. Clarke.	To obtain a hearing of his petition to the Admiralty Commissioners for employment. Has served as steward and check deputy on several ships, and last as steward's mate on the Sovereign.	74
"	Jervase Maplesden -	Adm. Com.	For payment of 7 bills, amounting to 196*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, for leather delivered on a contract for ready money into the stores at Woolwich, from Jan. to July 1658.	75
"	Rob. Norman -	Gen. Montague.	For confirmation of the command granted him before the siege of Dunkirk of a small galley sent to intercept vessels which attempted to relieve the enemy.	76
"	Nich. Pay - -	"	To be lieutenant of the Plymouth. Has served several years in the Naseby as midshipman, and was in the Sound under his lordship, who granted him last June the place of carpenter in the Great Charity.	77
"	Thos. Phillips -	"	For a place. His father, Wm. Phillips, fisherman of Ramsay, served Montague's father. Cols. John and Wm. Cromwell, and Squire Hen. Cromwell, have spoken for him.	78
"	Wm. Pickering, jun.	"	To be lieutenant of the frigate building in the Forest of Dean. His father served Parliament in the wars with the King, hazarding person and estates, and has large arrears due. Has been faithful himself in service at sea.	79
"	Rob. Shelstone -	"	To be lieutenant in a frigate under him, being desirous to go to sea - - - -	80
"	Edw. Smith, ship's carpenter.	"	For a carpenter's place. Was carpenter of the Fortune in all the Dutch engagements, then in merchant-men; was promised a year ago a place in the frigate built in the Forest of Dean, but was slighted, and has been waiting at expence ever since.	81
"	" "	"	For a reformado or carpenter's mate's place. Is kinsman of Mrs. Dorothy Tadcastle, and was recommended by Mr. Barnerd.	82
"	Capt. Rob. Turner -	Adm. Com. and Generals of the Fleet.	For command of one of the ships on the present expedition. His grandfather and his father, Sir Jeremy Turner, were many years admirals in the Narrow Seas, and he was in the navy 18 years, and then commanded a foot company under the Earl of Essex, and was dangerously hurt.	83
"	" "	Gen. Montague.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	84

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1658 ?				Vol. 197.
"	Rob. Wakelyn, rope-maker.	Adm. Com.	To assign on the Newcastle customs and Dorsetshire excise payment of his bill of 871*l.* 4*s.* for cordage, from Feb. to April 1658. Has bills for 1,059*l.* 3*s.* more due long since, in which many poor men are concerned. Cannot continue supplies without payment.	85
"	Thos. Walters, or Waters, gunner of the *Tulip*.	"	To be gunner of the Nonsuch or Elias, or any vessel going on service. Has served 8 years, understands navigation and mathematics, and has often petitioned for a remove.	86
"	" "	"	To like effect, to be gunner of the Sophia - - - - - - -	87
"	John Warener, ship-master.	"	For speedy payment of 49*l.* 10*s.* due since Oct. 1657. He and his vessel were employed by the Ordnance officers to transport ammunition, &c., from London to Mardike, and his long attendance for money has reduced his wife and 5 children to beg their bread.	88
"	John Warnaerts, German, firework maker.	"	For employment to make fireworks or otherwise, and for a present supply. Had a gratuity from them on presenting his services and on trial of his skill, but it is all spent in necessaries for maintenance.	89
"	Rich. Watkins, anchorsmith, *Harwich*.	"	For payment of 1,200*l.*, due on bills since 1 Sept. 1657. His trade is spoiled, his credit gone, and he is in danger of prison and his family of perishing; has made many journeys to London for the money.	90
"	Isaac White, late captain of the *Vulture fireship*.	Gen. Montague.	For command of the Blackamore, to which he is nominated by the Admiralty Commissioners. Has served Parliament at all hazards since 1645, and has already served under his lordship in the Sound.	91
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1658.	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Orders for making out bills for payment of 735*l.* weekly to John Bressie, treasurer for sick and maimed soldiers. 4 Jan.—8 Nov. 1658. [52 *papers.*]	1–52
"	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Notes enclosing weekly lists of all bills signed by them; lists missing. 4 Jan.—27 Dec. 1658. [27 *papers.*]	53–79
"	Officers of ships -	—	Bonds with 2 sureties, in sums varying from 200*l.* to 300*l.* each, for the faithful performance of their respective duties. 6 April—9 Dec. 1658. [4 *papers*].	80–83
				Vol. 199.
"	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Warrants to appoint officers on the State's ships and in the respective dockyards. 1 Jan.–23 Dec. 1658. [129 *papers.*]	1–129

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658–9. Jan. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to perfect a contract with Lord (late Col.) Wm. Sydenham, for the purchase for 300*l.* of timber trees in Carisbrooke Park, which were surveyed and marked out for the navy by Col. Fras. Willoughby; also to see that the 300*l.* is paid to the Treasurer of the Navy, and charged upon his account, as ordered by the Council of State.	Vol. 207. 1
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting of the Bridgwater, Ruby, Preston, and Elias, at Chatham - -	2
" "	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Understands they have received a petition from some of his men for payment of their wages; most of them have had tickets of him for the same, and as there are others on board whose necessities are great, in regard of their families, begs 10 or 12 more tickets, to give them until their wages are ordered. Has tallowed, and is off the ground, and will hasten to his station.	3
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	"	Repairs of ships - - - - - - - - - - - -	4
" 2	Hugh Peters - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Mr. Hellier for a minister's place on board some ship, at 100*l.* a year - -	5
" "	Thos. Scott, *Cheriton, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Desires they will forget all former faults, and allow him to continue in his place as purser, for the sake of his wife and children.	6
" "	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Hope.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has just arrived from Deptford, and will follow the instructions received from the Admiralty Commissioners.	7
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - - -	8
" 3	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to John Fowler, Judge-Advocate of the Fleet, for his pay, &c., from the time he was last paid, at 8*s.* a day.	9
" "	Capt. Jno. Bowry, *Cowes Road, Isle of Wight.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed a ship laden with hemp from the Downs to Portsmouth, for the stores there, and is about to see her and 4 others to St. Malo, by order of Rear-Adm. Bourne. Put to sea once, but was forced back by contrary winds. There has been a shipwreck on this island, and also in the western parts.	10
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	"	Has sent up a packet from Capt. Bowen, who has arrived with 3 cloth ships from Hull, bound for the Maas; there are 3 or 4 vessels of Yarmouth laden with goods also ready to go over, to which he will give convoy. The Nantwich having lost her cable and anchor off Lowestoft, sent a vessel to recover them, and has deposited them in the stores. Will reply to Col. Salmon's letter, but none of his regiment have yet arrived.	11
" "	Capt. Roger Cuttance, *Weymouth.*	"	Is sorry they cannot release Beach in exchange for his son; it was none of his propounding, but of Beach's wife, who procured an order from the Governor [of St. Sebastian's] to keep his son a prisoner to exchange for her husband. As his son is like to suffer a long imprisonment, to the great grief of his parents, desires they will procure his release by discharging Capt. Coots, a prisoner at Plymouth, before any other is exchanged for him.	12

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1658–9.				Vol. 207.
Jan. 3	Capt. Jno. Harman, *Torrington, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Is detained by contrary winds, but will proceed to Portsmouth, as ordered by Rear-Adm. Bourne	13
" "	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Cheriton, Downs.*	"	Arrived yesterday from Dieppe and Seinehead, where he carried Lady Mary Stuart and Dr. Fleetwood, and convoyed several merchant vessels. Has received their letter dismissing Scott, the purser, and on the other's coming on board, will send him up to clear his accounts at the Victualling Office. As he has promised, if retained, to leave off going on shore, and stick close to his employment, and as he has a wife and children, who will be utterly undone if he is dismissed, desires they will give him another trial; he has remained on board lately, and behaved civilly. Was glad to see such a sudden change wrought in him, and he has given satisfaction in the matter of the stores.	14
" "	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Dublin.*	"	Came by order of the Lord Lieutenant and Council from Kinsale to Dublin, whence he was sent to Chester, where he received 14,000*l.* on board, which he landed at Dublin, and is going back to Kinsale to victual, and then return to Dublin.	15
" 4	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 2,000*l.* a week for 2 weeks, commencing 23 Aug. to 6 Sept. 1658, to be issued on the old declaration for victuals for the last year, according to orders from Majors Robt. Thomson, and Nehemiah Bourne, and Comr. Willoughby.	16
" "	" - -	"	Like order to make out similar bills to the same for 3,000*l.* a week for 4 weeks, 26 Nov. to 24 Dec. 1658, for carrying on of the victualling affairs upon the new declaration for this next year, to be issued as aforesaid.	17
" "	Capt. Rowl. Bevans, *Convert, Scarborough.*	Adm. Com.	Has only just received their order for going from Dort to Flushing, if there were no more vessels to convoy, and his being on his station has hitherto prevented his prosecuting it. Asks if he shall now do so, or remain where he is until he has expended his victuals. Hears it was the Essex that lost her foremast, bowsprit, and head.	18
" "	Capt. Rich. Hodges, *Portsmouth.*	"	Received their order, and came from Milford on the 29th ult., with several convoys, and put into Scilly, where he was detained by contrary winds until the 2nd inst., when he made for Portsmouth, and waits commands.	19
" "	Geo. Rudacke, the *Weymouth pink, Harwich.*	Col. Clerke	Asks the command of the pink, in case the Admiralty Commissioners should remove Capt. Wilkinson; has been master in her some time.	20
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	21
" 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Robt. Sewell, in-storekeeper at Chatham, for 15*l.*, for his care in managing the place of out-storekeeper, for 6 months ending 31 Dec. last.	22

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658–9.				Vol. 207.
Jan. 5	Capt. Peter Bowen, the *Bradford, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Put into the Roads through a violent storm, and has delivered Sir Philip Meadows' letter to Major Burton, to be sent by a safe hand. Is going to the Maas with two cloth ships, and several others of value, by order of the Major; having only a month's provisions, will go to revictual at Scarborough, where orders should be sent.	23
„ „	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Arrived with his convoys from Leith last night, and having 3 weeks' provisions left, will return to his station till they are exhausted, and then go to Hull to revictual.	24
„ „	Capt. Mic. Nutton, the *Norwich, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Sailed from Leith with a fleet of laden Scotch vessels, bound for London, by order of General Monk, but was forced into Tynemouth Haven through the bad weather; arrived in the Roads on the 2nd inst. Will return to Leith. Left Ralph Lassells, the master, at Leith, sick.	25
„ 6	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	There having been 100*l.* offered by several persons for the trees lately surveyed at Richmond, in possession of Mr. Bentley, unless he will give that sum for them, they are to be disposed of to the best advantage of the State.	26
„ „	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered the canvas received from Capt. Geo. Pley at Weymouth to the storekeeper, and having been cleaned and supplied with six weeks' provisions, will sail for his station.	27
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Repairs and dispatch of ships - - - - - - - - -	28
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	29
„ 7	Capt. Jno. King, *John ketch, Nore.*	„	Is daily ranging in his station, convoying small vessels with merchants' goods, and sometimes with the fleet in Hoseley Bay. Has not heard of any of the enemies' men-of-war lately, and small vessels now pass through freely.	30
„ 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Having no intention of sending either the Advice or Bryer to sea, notwithstanding the former order for their refitting, they need not be cleaned, but only have such repairs as may render them fit for service on emergency.	31
„ „	Capt. P. Butler, *Marmaduke, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Since leaving the Hope on the 1st instant, has had much wind, and yesterday arrived with one of the East India ships; another has come in since. Is ready to take the first opportunity to accomplish the intended voyage, and hopes the undertakings will be successful.	32
„ „	Capt. Jeremy Country, *Greyhound, Spithead.*	„	Has had his ship cleaned, her leaks stopped, taken in 7 weeks' victuals, and is ready to sail for Plymouth. His purser much neglected his duty the last voyage, by staying behind, and taking in such short allowance of provisions that they were forced to half allowance by the time the provisions should only have been half expended. As the men were thus never satisfied, the purser threatened the ship should never go to sea again; considering it not safe to have him on board without a guard, left him at Plymouth while he acquainted them, which he would else have forborne until the ship was paid off, when he might have given them a personal account.	33

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658–9. Jan. 8	Martin Noel - -	Adm. Com.	If they will appoint him by tally to pay Mr. Banks 5,290*l.*, it will not much obstruct his payments into the Exchequer; may find some way of assigning him some money as well abroad as at home, to satisfy him gradually. By contract, is to pay a great part of his money for farms quarterly, but being requested by Banks, is willing to do him what civil courtesy he can.	Vol. 207. 34
„ 10	Rear - Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	[Adm. Com.]	Will send the Portsmouth frigate to Portsmouth, to take under her charge the vessel laden with ammunition and stores for that garrison. The Marmaduke having arrived, asks where she is to victual.	35
„ „	Capt. Roger Cuttance, *Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for the warrant for releasing Capt. Adrian Coots for his son, which favour will never be forgotten.	36
„ „	Prize Officers - -	„	The business of the St. Maria was passed at the Admiralty Court last Saturday, but the commission and papers that are to be sent to Toulon will not be ready before Thursday's post; if in the interim they think fit to send any intimation to their agent, the opportunity may be embraced.	37
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bowry, *Cowes Road, Isle of Wight.*	„	Is still detained by wind and weather; being bound to St. Malo with a convoy, as the voyage may prove longer than was expected, desires order for a month's provisions at Portsmouth. Has already received a fortnight's, but being hastened from Dover to convoy the ship with hemp there, could not take in what was formerly ordered.	38
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	As the fitting of the 2nd and 3rd rate ships is nearly over, has discharged a number of the men; the work on hand will not long employ the remainder, but hopes they will see a necessity for keeping such a number of shipwrights constantly employed—either by building a 3rd rate, there being plenty of keel pieces and other timber, or on some other work,—as may save public occasions; as Comr. Pett has gone up to Whitehall, he can open the matter more fully. Desires order as to disposing of the hull of the Entrance, by sale or otherwise.	39
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Harwich.*	„	Has come in for 2 months' provisions by order of the Vice-admiral, and is then to return to the fleet in Hoseley Bay.	40
„ 11	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for all the commissioners to attend at the Admiralty Chamber at Whitehall on Thursday at 9 a.m., to sit in a court of war for the trial of Capt. Saunders and Mr. Hayward, by virtue of letters patent under the Great Seal.	41
„ „	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Basing at Portsmouth -	42
„ „	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Vulture, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Will get up to Deptford as ordered, but is hindered by contrary winds and neap streams - -	43

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Jan. 11	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the refitting, employment, and stations of State's ships. The foul weather has much hindered the dispatch of those under repair; is settling the business under his charge as well as he can, and intends to be in Exeter this week, and to come up and wait upon the Admiralty Commissioners. The want of money to give relief to many under straits has caused such complaints that his trouble has not been a little; hopes before this comes to hand a considerable sum will have been ordered.	44
„ 12	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	„	Delivered their enclosure to the master of the Lichfield, which is still detained in harbour by the foul weather, but the sick men are well refreshed. Next Monday, Col. Clerke will be chosen a burgess for the town; hopes he will be pleased to accept it.	45
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Having received notice from Vice-Adm. Goodson that several of the ships under his command are nearly out of victuals, and want boatswains' and carpenters' stores, desire directions, as the certain time and intended service of his fleet is not known, or how long they may continue in Hoseley Bay so that they cannot well apportion what should be sent to him.	46
„ 13	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	„	The Spaniard that was master of the ship in Milford has gone by post to Milford Haven; hopes their letters will be there before him. Simon Johnson Blew, the young man who gave the information, was met by one who brought him to his master's correspondent, who gave him money and clothes, and provided a horse to send him to London; but he has gone with John Tilton, the Bristol carrier, who will come into London 2 p.m. on Friday, and may be met at Charing Cross. Hears the ship came from the Canaries, and hopes the deceit may be discovered.	47
„ 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Richard Gerrard, deputy marshal-general of the army, for 100*l.* disbursed by him for the maintenance of prisoners of war in his custody.	48
„ „	Capt. Wm. Barker, *Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Saw a vessel of North Yarmouth to the Ram Head, where Capt. Sansom of the Portsmouth took charge of her to the Downs; being in great want of a boat, put into Plymouth, where he was supplied with one by Capt. Hatsell, who directed him to give convoy to a London vessel bound for Bristol. Has now received an order to convoy the Hope to the Downs, but has not received the orders sent in the Dartmouth or Fox.	49
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. Pack has come into the Roads from Dunkirk with the Guinea, having 6 companies of Col. Salmon and one of Col. Biscoe's regiment; will deliver him his letter to-morrow. Having been out of town, could not write Col. Salmon; begs he will acquaint the Commissioners that he could not send any of the ships they named to Flushing, as they were not in port, but that if they had left it to him to send any ship that was not on special service, he could have done the work. As the Guinea is going for the Downs, and has only 2 days' provisions left, will be forced to supply her with a small quantity. Begs he will inform Col. Clerke that he paid the express 4*l.*; is coming up within 14 days, and will receive it himself.	50
„ „	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying in his station, and convoying vessels bound for Lynn, Yarmouth, &c. to the Roads. Is going with several to the Thames, and will then return to Harwich, having only 3 days' provisions left.	51

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Jan. 14	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Portland Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying in his station with Capt. Lambert of the Bramble, and is forced into the Roads by extremity of weather, with the Greyhound and several other vessels bound westward; will again cruise on his station until further orders.	52
„ „	Edm. Rolffe - -	„	Petition for a cook's place. Has lived in Rochester 21 years in good repute, and most of that time was employed at sea in the service of the Commonwealth; but through taking an inn, and other engagements, debts, and losses, has become destitute. With certificate of Jno. Mabb, mayor, and 13 others, in confirmation of the above.	53, 54
„ „	Jno. Packwood -	Navy Com^rs^	Sends abstract of the muster books of the Worcester and 5 other ships named, that they may understand their present condition.	55
„ 15	Adm. Com. - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Vulture at Deptford - - - - - - - - -	56
„ „	Jno. Burton, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Two years since, was appointed purser to the Rosebud, but since then she has been laid up, to his utter undoing. Never troubled them until last Michaelmas, but since then has spent his time in daily waiting upon them, expecting encouragement, but receiving none, having no friend to acquaint them of his poverty and necessities; hopes they will not cast off an old servant.	57
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships, and their repairs and victualling - -	58
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Harwich.*	„	The refitting has been much delayed by the extremity of the weather, but is informed by the carpenter that she will be ready to sail next week; will gain his former station, and will send frequent accounts of his proceedings.	59
„ 16	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Repair, victualling, and sailing of ships. Requires 20 loads of standard knees for the ships in hand, and another fire-place in the smith's forge.	60
„ 17	J. Bland, *Whitehall*	Adm. Com.	Desires they will send him out an order for payment of the freight due for carrying provisions to the fleet at Lisbon, as also for what has been due since last Michaelmas twelvemonth, and thus free him and others from daily attendance on the Navy Commissioners.	61
„ „	Rear - Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	„	Sends a list of 7 ships in the Downs, with an account of the provisions in each. Received their order for sending up Mr. Hayward to the court of war, but as it came so late, fears he will not be up in time. The Portsmouth and Cheriton, with their convoys, have been forced back by contrary winds, and the Assistance and Selby from their station before Ostend. Capt. Reader of the Eaglet ketch has gone to Holland, with Major Walters and two small vessels. Hopes the Guinea and Amity have arrived safe at Yarmouth, with Col. Salmon's regiment; as they took in the whole, the Wakefield has returned empty. The Swallow and two others have been 3 weeks on their voyage from Dunkirk to St. Valery, to fetch soldiers from thence for that garrison. Particulars of ships and their victualling.	62, 63

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1658–9. Jan. 17	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Victualling Comrs.	Having received notice from the Admiralty Commissioners that they have ordered him a month's provisions besides those he supplied to the Guinea, and having only 5 days' left, desires they will hasten them down, otherwise will be forced to put his company upon short allowance.	Vol. 207. 64
" "	Jas. Hyndes - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the gunner's place in the Success or any other ship, having served in several of the State's ships to the danger of his life, and never deserted nor left, until discharged through sickness. Since then has been in the merchant service as a master, but is now anxious to return to his former employment. With certificates of Capts. Andrew Ashford, Thos. Sparling, and others.	65–67
" 18	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the cleaning and refitting the Bridgwater, Preston, and Ruby, now in the river, as also the Elias at Chatham.	68
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order for payment of wages due to the officers and company of the Lily, Rose, and Signet, coming up to Deptford.	69
" "	" - -	"	Like order for the Basing at Portsmouth, the money for which was formerly ordered to be taken up in the town, but could not be procured.	70
" "	Chris. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Has launched the Winsby and Elizabeth, and docked the Providence and Yarmouth, both very defective, and is proceeding with the work. Being much necessitated for straight timber, and 2 and 3-inch plank, desires a speedy recruit. Particulars of works on other ships.	71
" 19	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	[Adm. Comrs.]	Has sent the Guinea to Portsmouth for her supply, and ordered her a week's victuals from Dover; will observe their order respecting the Hope when she arrives in the Downs. The commander of the Assurance complains of his purser's neglect of duty, he not having been on board above 7 days since 3 August last. His company make continual complaint for their fish money, and satisfaction for half allowance, through want of provisions and the purser's absence. Hearing from Lord Lockhart that 2 companies of Col. Salmon's regiment are yet at Dunkirk, waiting to be transported to Yarmouth, has sent over the Wakefield for that purpose.	72
" 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for cleaning and refitting 16 ships named, for present service at sea, to be furnished with stores and provisions for the number of men mentioned for each; if there be a want of workmen in the different yards where they are to be refitted, directions are to be given for entertaining a requisite number.	73
" "	Barth. Peartree, *Lichfield, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for their warrant to take charge as master, as also for their order to command until further notice; will endeavour faithfully to discharge the trust. Is still detained by winds, but will sail for Plymouth. Hearing from Mr. Shewell of Bristol that his convoys are gone from Kinsale, will execute their first commands.	74

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1658–9. Jan. 20	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their warrant to the victualling agent, and will give all dispatch to the Torrington and Basing, as also to the Portsmouth when she arrives. Sent their letter to Capt. Butler at Cowes, whom he has supplied with oars, blocks, spars, rudder-irons and ropes. The Torrington will be ready to go to Spithead on Wednesday.	Vol. 207. 75
„ „	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has been to Carisbrooke Park, with Capt. Dowdney, taken an account, and set a moderate price upon the 125 trees standing within the pales and about the house, formerly marked out for the navy; that Lord [Sydenham] may the better judge what are fit to be reserved for ornament or defence, has stated the particular grounds whereon they stand; values the trees at 74*l.*	76
„ 21	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Sends an amended account of provisions wanting in the stores; the fleet riding at Harwich causes much extra expenditure; will soon receive a general demand from the whole of the fleet, which he will not be able to answer unless they send the goods with speed. Asks for dispatch of the canvas, twine, colours, oil, &c., by the Harwich hoy, and the first demand for cordage with the rest, the first opportunity. There are one or two Harwich hoys at London which will carry nearly all of them down.	77
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Concerning the pursers victualling the soldiers, ordered the captain of the Amity, before he went to Dunkirk, not to victual them except the pursers were paid for it, which they observed; what the soldiers had of the purser, one of Col. Salmon's captains paid him for. The Guinea has sailed; furnished her with provisions enough to keep them alive to the Downs.	78
„ „	Capt. J. Grymesditch, *Chatham.*	„	Hears from Comr. Pett that they have ordered him to be cleaned and victualled for a 6 months' voyage. Is now riding 7 miles below Chatham, and has been careened, &c., but having been at sea 4 months, must lay his ship on shore, so that her lower works may be searched and repaired.	79
„ 22	Capt. Rowl. Bevans, *Convert, Scarborough.*	„	Has only 13 days' provisions left; the Pearl, having a week less, has gone into the Humber, that she may be ready when he is out of provisions. A fleet at Newcastle will be ready next week, and will occasion his coming into Yarmouth Roads. Desires an order at Yarmouth where he will go to victual, as also a hawser to make some main shrouds.	80
„ „	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Bramble, Portland Road.*	„	Will accompany the Lark to St. Malo as ordered, and send an account of proceedings - -	81

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Jan. 22	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has received an express about equipping 7 ships in the harbour for service, but most of them are ready, and only want graving. Asks whether it shall be done the next or following spring tide; if their commanders are appointed, and their men entered meantime, they may be ready to take in their ordnance and provisions. Comr. Pett has gone to London.	82
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Repairs of ships. Has had to take off all hands from the new ship, for the quicker dispatch of the others.	83
„ 23	Henry Richards, the *Grantham.*	„	Came from Jamaica the 3rd ult., by order of Lieut.-Gen. Doyley, commander-in-chief in the West Indies, and on coming to soundings in the Channel on the 8th instant, not being able to make any observations either by the sun or stars, the first place they made was Lundy. Capt. Gyles Marsh, considering the damage the frigate had received, and bad weather approaching, sent on shore to Sir John Ricketts, lord of the island, for a pilot to carry them to Bristol, but a sudden gust forced them to leave both the captain and the island, with the loss of their cables and anchors. Drove all night, and the next morning made Minehead, whence they procured a pilot, by whose industry, with God's providence, they now ride safe. Has sent all the papers concerning the State to Secretary Jno. Thurloe.	84
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Portsmouth.*	„	Has come in from the Downs to refit; gave convoy to several vessels laden with stores for Portsmouth. Was forced back once by a storm.	85
„ 24	Capt. Edw. Blagge, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Intends to begin his journey towards London on the 28th, in obedience to the Admiralty Commissioners, to whom he sends his service.	86
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bowry, *Cowes Road, Isle of Wight.*	Adm. Com.	Has been to sea, but was forced back by extremity of weather, and lost two 2 of his fleet of 8. Has now some small ones with him, which he will see safe the first opportunity.	87
„ „	Capt. Thos. Eliot. -	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks the Admiralty Commissioners for their promise of a command, and shall be ready to observe their orders in 20 days. Has been very much troubled of late through his wounds, but is at present in greater hopes of recovery. Asks where the ship lies, so that he may send his bedding and other necessaries to her.	88
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has docked the Yarmouth, being one of the 4 ordered to be fitted out, and as there is much to be done to her, it will require 8 or 10 weeks; will employ as many men as is requisite to give her dispatch. Particulars of other ships. Is in great want of tallow, and as there is a considerable quantity at Deptford, desires 2 tons may be sent down.	89

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1658–9 Jan. 24	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a packet received from the master of the Grantham, which has just arrived. When off Lundy last Saturday, the captain wanting provisions, he and the purser went on shore in a boat, but a storm suddenly arising, she was forced to cut her cables, which were lost with the anchors, and came up the channel to King's Road in great distress. She having no cables or boat to ride by, has furnished her with both, and Mr. Snow has supplied 4 days' fresh provisions; has written the Admiralty Commissioners, and can do no more until further order.	Vol. 207. 90
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Similar particulars. Sends a packet received from Hen. Richards, master of the Grantham. Her company have been much distressed for want of victuals, having put 7 men to 4 men's allowance ever since they came from Jamaica. Has advised the master to send an account of all things, so that directions may be given concerning them, without which nothing can be furnished, as the State has no stores or provisions at Bristol. Desires a ship may be directed to call at Bordeaux, to convoy home the Samaritan of Bristol, laden with wines, which dares not stir without convoy; this will not only secure the State's interest, but much oblige and encourage the merchants.	91
" "	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires he will send some tickets by the bearer, his purser having some sick on board not fit for service.	92
" 25	Rich. Harvie - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order or warrant to act as chaplain of the Satisfaction, knowing the danger of going without one.	93
" "	Capt. Peter Foote, *Mermaid, Passage Harbour.*	"	Sailed from Plymouth with the Ann of London for Kinsale, by order of Capt. Hen. Hatsell, but when within 12 leagues of the Old Head of Kinsale, met with such a sudden and extreme storm that he was not only severed from his convoy, which he has not since heard of, but was forced eastward of his port as far as Passage, near Waterford, where he has been waiting these 12 days. As the storms are great and frequent, is reduced to narrow straits for victuals, and is now on half allowance.	94
" "	Jno. Howard - -	"	Petition for the place of purser. Formerly served the State, and has since been in the merchant service as purser and mate, but through the scarcity of merchandizing, and having no friends, is now out of employment. With certificate by Joseph Dobins and 5 others.	95, 96
" 26	Capt. Jeremy Country, *Greyhound, Spithead.*	"	Sailed from Spithead on the 11th inst. with a vessel laden with powder and other materials for the garrison at Scilly, but was twice forced back into Portland Road by the violence of the storms. Sailed again last Monday, with the Oxford from Morlaix, but parted company in a storm off Lyme, and was forced to bear up for Spithead, where he came to anchor last night.	97

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1658–9. Jan. 26	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Since his arrival, has applied to Major Burton. The provisions he was forced to expend for the relief of the soldiers that came in his ship and the Guinea have been honestly paid for by their captains; has had the ship supplied with the like proportion, but was much obstructed by the violent winds and weather; has now all on board and shall not let any opportunity slip to fulfil their commands. His master had a boy, Thos. Callis, that had been his servant 6 months, but having taken indecent liberties with him in the last voyage to Iceland, the boy last Friday got on shore and left the ship, telling his grievances to another servant before leaving. Upon hearing of it, took the purser, surgeon, and Wm. Highnoone, the servant, on shore in a boat, and examined Callis; having heard what he had to say, and found that his master had similarly assaulted Highnoone, when he was his servant, as also Jasper Cranch, the master mate's son, had them all before the bailiffs and examined upon oath, and will send the examinations if needed. On returning to the ship, found the master full of strong drink, according to his custom; having called all the officers together, told them he had something to impart which was fitter to be spoken among heathens than those professing Christ, and charged the master with what had been sworn against him; he denying it, sent for Cranch, who reiterated all that had been stated; commanded the master to his cabin, and kept a guard on him, but there being a sad storm the next day, sent him to be tried before the bailiffs at Yarmouth, according to law, supposing a gaol among rogues more fit for him than a ship with honest men.	Vol. 207. 98
„ 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to refit the Elizabeth, and furnish her with stores and provisions for the present expedition, in lieu of the Yarmouth, which will take more time.	99
	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill for 500*l.* to Rob. Turpin, for sick and wounded seamen - - -	100
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	At his arrival, found the Expedition and 5 others in port, cleaning and revictualling as ordered; some were ready to lay on shore, some will be ready to sail to-day, and the others in a short time. Thinks with Mr. Grassingham that the Speaker ought to go up the river to be refitted and victualled, as it will be done with more ease and profit, but of her, as also of other matters relating to the ships in Hoseley Bay, will be able to give a more particular account when he has been there. The weather has been so violent that all work has been hindered, and all care was little enough to secure the ships.	101
„ „	Capt. Mark Harrison, the *Guard, Medway River.*	Col. Clarke.	Thanks for his present command, but begs to remind them that he was promised it should not be any hindrance when any other presented. Is now in petty warrant victualling, which being so poor, and the duties so hard, able and careful men will not serve in such vessels; therefore desires an order for sea provisions.	102
„ „	Capt. Jno. King, *John ketch, Swinn.*	Adm. Com.	Has been daily ranging in his station and convoying small vessels laden with merchant goods, but has not heard of any of the enemies' men-of-war. Riding in a great storm on the 25th inst., damaged his cables, but is safe at present.	103

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Jan. 27	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Newberry has arrived in the Hope and the Nantwich has sailed up the River - -	104
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Particulars of the repair and sailing of ships, and their returning through contrary winds and foul weather.	105
„ 28	Capt. Rowland Bevans, *Convert, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Being short of provisions, came to anchor in Scarborough Road with the Bradford; but in a grievous storm, broke the stock of his best bower anchor, and lost his sheet anchor, with the cable.	106
„ „	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	„	Sent the examinations concerning the ship Hope and intended a further examination of De Lopus, alias Don Juan, but he left for London. As they were riding through the town, persuaded them to take Tenby in their way and rest there that night, which they did; instructed some persons, who well knew the person he suspected, to observe De Lopus, but he was not the same. Has made a diligent search for papers, but none of any importance can be found, so concludes De Lopus took them to London on his first journey there. The company have been tampered with, both on board and on shore.	107
„ „	Major John Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	„	Cannot send the Assistance to Portsmouth or Chatham as ordered, there being no vessel in the Downs to convey the orders, or to receive the clothes appointed for Dunkirk garrison. The Centurion has arrived, after a bad voyage, and brings word that an English ship was driven ashore off the Scaw and lost, but the men and the 40 guns saved.	108
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	„	Has been on board the Swiftsure and viewed the rest of the frigates in the Road, and resolved with the Vice-admiral and their captains as to the most safe and expeditious way to put them into an equipage for service. Has sent the Swiftsure and 3 others to Queenborough to be repaired; prefers that place to the Hope, it being quiet as to the motion of the water, near to Chatham, and more out of the eye of the world. Other ships named should be cleaned and repaired at once, to save expence. During his stay, will inspect all matters tending to the complete dispatch of the frigates.	109
„ „	Wm. Burton, junior, *Great Yarmouth.*	„	As his father has gone for London, has ordered the captain of the Amity to go to Aldborough Bay, to transport some money to Scotland as directed. The Convert is in the Roads, waiting for orders where to revictual.	110
„ „	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Whitebooth Road, in Humber.*	„	Has been riding on his station with the Convert and Bradford, but his provisions being the nearest out, it was agreed that he should repair to Hull to revictual, and then return, that they might do the same. Not finding any order at Hull to revictual, came to the Humber, where he will receive 2 months' on board, when the weather will permit. It has been so bad of late that the greater part of his maincourse was blown away; will deliver the remains of it at Harwich, and receive a new one.—P.S. Having now received 2 months' victuals, will sail for his station.	111
„ „	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Aldborough Bay.*	„	Has arrived from Yarmouth, by order of Mr. Burton, junr., but cannot hear of any money or otherwise, so waits orders.	112

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1658–9. Jan. 28	Capt. Barth. Peartree, the *Lichfield, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	The boatswain died the 23rd inst., and his mate is dangerously ill. Has taken an account of his stores, and appointed a man to take charge of them until further order. Advised the safe arrival of his convoys in France, and is now about to sail for Spithead, by order of Capt. Heaton.	Vol. 207. 113
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	"	Docking and repairing of ships. Desires a warrant for docking 3 Flemish ships, one after the other, the single dock being now empty, or otherwise for shutting the dock gates.	114
" "	Capt. Rob. Vessey, *Constant Warwick, Catwater, near Plymouth.*	"	Has careened his frigate, is getting in his provisions, and hopes to put to sea with the Sorlings, as ordered by Comr. Hatsell. Has been much delayed by the foul weather.	115
" 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for refitting and victualling the Speaker, Newbury, and Nantwich, at Plymouth, Chatham, and Woolwich, and furnishing them with stores for the present expedition.	116
" "	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Forester, Harwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Since his voyage to the Scaw, many of his men have been attacked with sickness, and others are not able to do their duties, and are yet borne upon the frigate, for want of tickets to discharge them; asks a supply.	117
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *London.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a demand for anchors, to be sent forthwith. Having an order from the Admiralty Commissioners to repair to Chatham and hasten out the fleet, as also to refit the Swiftsure and others of that squadron in Queenborough Water, asks a warrant to Mr. Sprigg to send down the victuals for the Advice and 6 others named; also that their captains and men may be hastened down.	118
" "	Capt. Rich. Rooth, the *Dartmouth, Youghall.*	Adm. Com.	Has came in, by order of the Lord lieutenant, to transport Lord Broghill and the members of Parliament elected for Cork to Milford or Bristol.	119
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has sent up 2 Spanish colours received from the boatswain of the Grantham. The Navy Commissioners promised to order the first ship of the western squadron that went that way to call for the Samaritan of Bristol at Bordeaux, laden with wine; as the Dartmouth is daily expected with the Parliament men from Ireland, beseeches him to procure an order for her to go.	120
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Having received order from Major Wm. Burton to sail for Flushing, take into charge the Alexander of London and see her safe into the Hope, intreats that they will be mindful of him for a remove, although absent, having no other friends to address.	121
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - - -	122
" 30	Capt. Rowl. Bevans, *Convert, Aldborough Bay.*	"	Having lost his anchors and cables, and being short of provisions, has gone for Harwich, where he will wait orders. Has not seen any of the enemies' men-of-war on the coast, and few English ships until the present fleet that has come in with him.	123

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1658–9. Jan. 30	Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson, *Swiftsure, Buoy of the Nore.*	Adm. Com.	Left Hoseley Bay the 28th inst. and has just arrived at the Nore; according to their commands, has ordered the Speaker to Woolwich, the Plymouth to Chatham, and if weather permits, hopes to get into Queenborough Water himself to-morrow, and will wait upon them.	Vol. 207. 124
" "	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Centurion, Downs.*	"	Arrived in the Downs and has made a survey of the defects of his ship; the repairs needed are mostly about her head and rigging, and may be accomplished in 10 or 12 days, weather permitting.	125
" 31	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy cleaning and fitting out of the Great Charity at Woolwich, to bear 170 men -	126
" "	Capt. Joseph Ames, *Yarmouth.*	Rich. Creed, Secretary to the Generals at Sea, *Whitehall.*	Will wait on the Commissioners next Saturday, as will his lieutenant, who is not well. Has obtained one mate acquainted with the Sound.	127
" "	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Lynn.*	Adm. Com.	Desires order for cleaning and revictualling for 3 months; the extreme foul weather of the last month has much shattered his ground tackle. Has convoyed all the vessels from Yarmouth Roads to Lynn, and will ply about the Deeps.	128
" "	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	"	Wants a long boat sent down before he sails, the former one having been twice forced from her moorings by the foul weather, and the last time driven on shore near Ramsgate and staved; being of no further use, sold her, and applied the proceeds towards the charge of first recovering her.	129
" "	" "	"	The Assistance and Selby have been forced in from their station by extremity of weather, and brought in an Ostend man-of-war, of 6 guns and 40 men and boys. Has delivered her into the Prize Office at Dover, and asks order as to disposal of the prisoners. The Assurance will sail either to Portsmouth or Chatham the first opportunity, when there will be only the Richard and 3 other ships in the Downs.	130
" "	Wm. Burton, junr., *Yarmouth.*	"	Has sent the Weymouth pink to Flushing, to convoy the Alexander of London from thence to the Hope; the Bradford, Pearl, and Convert, appointed for the northern coast, have arrived in the Roads; the latter wants victuals.	131
" "	Capt. Robt. Clarke -	"	Recommends Lieut. Jos. Young for an appointment as lieutenant in the Triumph - -	132
" "	Dan. Furzer, the *Grantham, King's Road.*		Sends an account of shot, bolts, bars, spikes, hoops, and other ironwork, amounting to 789 tons, sent from Dean Forest between 3 Sept. 1654 and 30 Jan. 1657–8. Has surveyed the damage done to the Grantham by the foul weather, and with sanction of Mr. Shewell, is in hand with the repairs, so as to enable her to come up to London, but there is stuff and opportunity where she is to fit her for sea.	133, 134

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1658–9. Jan. 31	Jas Hinds - -	Col. Clarke.	Hopes he will procure him the gunner's place in the Success, as promised, notwithstanding the captain desires his boatswain or one Jolly to have it; has served on the station 5 years and obtained good certificates.	Vol. 207. 135
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The Triumph and 5 others are graved and tallowed and ready for their victuals. Captains Nixon, Clarke, Allen, and 4 masters, have appeared, but very few seamen; could employ 1,000 men if he had them, and fears there will be a great want thereof, if some extraordinary care is not speedily taken. Has arranged with Vice-Adm. Goodson to have the Swiftsure and Gloucester careened at Queenborough, where they lie, and desires their victuals may be hastened down. Particulars of ships.	136
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Edward Lord Montague.	Understanding he will sit with the Admiralty Commissioners this afternoon, intreats him to move in his petition for some allowance for building the Richard.	137
" "	Capt. Sam. Sharland, *Fox, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Came from the coast of Ireland on the 26th inst. with a vessel laden with provisions for Plymouth, but when at Land's End, was forced by a storm southwards, and could not seize any place until as far up as Plymouth. Set another mainmast at Kinsale, which the Lord Lieutenant and Council will satisfy for, but soon after it sprung again; had it fished, so that, although it is strong, it is big and not pliable. The major part of his cordage being expended in supplying what was spoiled when he lost his mast, needs a supply. Will soon be ready to return to his station.	138
" "	Capt. Eustace Smith	"	Recommends Valentine Jowles for employment as master, master's mate, or gunner, having been employed for many years as master's mate, and lately in the Gloucester, under his command in the late expedition.	139
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham Dock.*	"	Hears the ships are come within Queenborough, and 6 that he lately fitted will be ready to take in their victuals if it comes to-morrow. The only great want now is working seamen. Sent a packet last Saturday, which came from the Swiftsure, and now encloses another.	140
" "	Jno. Tippetts, Jno. Dymock, *Portsmouth.*	—	Demand for train oil, hard wood, tar, canvas, and hammocks for the stores - - -	141
" "	Capt. Anth. Young, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Desires they will appoint as his lieutenant in the Rainbow Lieut. Chandler, who served under him in the James and Tredagh.	142
" "	Capt. Geo. Pley -	—	Two lists of imprests issued on his accounts, from Jan. 1657–8 to Jan. 1858–9 - - -	143, 144
Feb. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to make out bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 3,000*l.* a week for 4 weeks, commencing 24 Dec. 1658, for carrying on the victualling on the new declaration.	Vol. 208. 1

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Feb. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting of the Satisfaction for guard of the Iceland fishery, to bear 120 men.	2
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	It will be convenient, and good husbandry for the ships to be put on petty warrant victualling while in harbour, and it may be so settled for the future, but at present there is no one who can undertake it. Hears that Mr. Gauden will be at Ipswich to-morrow, and shall do something with him for the future settlement. Care shall be taken that such frigates as leave Harwich have their full proportion, if able to stow it. The weather is so uncertain that the ships cannot be dispatched, but several will soon be ready.	3
" "	" "	"	The Adventure and Convert have arrived, and as they require cleaning and victualling, will order what is needful to be done, and hasten them back to their station.	4
" "	Capt. Jeremy Country, *Greyhound, Spithead.*	"	Is still detained putting to sea with his convoy, by reason of the bad weather and westerly winds. The vessel with the powder is in the harbour and the other at Cowes.	5
" "	Capt. Giles Marsh, the *Grantham, Plymouth.*	"	Came from King's Road on the 25th, but not being able to hold up, was fain to put into Plymouth	6
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Lyme.*	"	Has been ready to sail since last Saturday, but prevented by winds and weather. A custom house officer coming on board before daylight met the gunner with 3 barrels of powder in a boat, which he seized and secured. Is at a loss what to do with the gunner, but will use all means for preservation of the stores.	7
" "	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Whitebooth Road, Humber.*	"	Had taken in 2 months' provisions, &c., and was ready to sail to his station before he received their order to clean and victual for 3 months; on the expiration of the 2 months, will return to clean and revictual.	8
" "	Capt. Rich. Hodges, *Basing, Portsmouth.*	"	Has tallowed, and will be ready to take in provisions and ballast to-morrow. Desires an order to the Ordnance officers to exchange 6 or 8 heavy guns on the upper deck for some lighter, the ship being tender sided.	9
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Portsmouth Harbour.*	"	Has, with his officers, given them a perfect account of their proceedings with reference to their convoys taken coming from the Canaries, to which they will freely swear. Desires that any of the masters that come home under his convoy may be examined as to his actings; they being all strangers, will refer to them as to whether he was guilty of their loss. So far as he can judge, it was through their own neglect, as before night he brought them together, so that the worst sailer of the fleet spared him sail at night, and was ahead of him in the morning. Has tallowed and taken in his provisions, and will soon be ready to sail.	10
" 2	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, off the Naze.*	"	Convoyed several vessels from Yarmouth Roads to the Thames mouth, and then went to Harwich, where he received order for 3 months' victuals.	11

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Feb. 2	Capt. Peter Bowen, the *Bradford, Yarmouth Roads,*	Adm. Com.	Sent up the packet directed to Sir Philip Meadows on the 6th ult. as ordered, and has since been cruising on his station, expecting commands at Scarborough; having only 2 days' provisions left, is going to Harwich, where he wants orders for revictualling.	12
„ „	Wm. Burton, junr., *Yarmouth.*	„	Received their letter for Capt. Bevans of the Convert, but as she had sailed, has sent it by Capt. Bowen of the Bradford, who is going to Harwich to victual.	13
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Yarmouth.*	„	Understands that the Yarmouth frigate is to be fitted out for sea, and that he is to have the command, for which he is very thankful; but since coming home, hearing that his wife during his absence has been put to so much trouble and grief by the coming down of the Commissioners to search his house, had almost resolved to leave the sea. Before being called into the service, was engaged in business at Yarmouth, and wants to settle it for the benefit of his family; asks time to effect it, and will then be willing to serve the Commonwealth to his utmost ability.	14
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	There are 18 frigates and Dutch ships to be fitted out for present service, but unless there is an immediate supply of plank of all sorts, spruce deals, and a ton of tallow, must discharge many of the men and retard the works in hand. Asks a warrant for cleaning and fitting out the Newbury, Speaker, and Nantwich.	15
„ 3	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Wants boats for taking up anchors and cables, carrying to and fro, &c., also an order for the building of a lighter of from 25 to 30 tons, for similar purposes, but the lighter and a long boat would carry on the work for the present; as it is the second time he has asked, hopes they will be mindful, there being so many ships at Woolwich.	16
„ „	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has sent up the bearer with his ketch to bring down the clothes to the Downs, and on their arrival, will take care for their transport to Dunkirk. Craves excuse for his brevity through indisposition.	17
„ „	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Desires they will hasten down the long boats for the Adventure and Expedition, with other stores.	18
„ „	Capts. Lamb. Cornelius and Thos. Lardge, the *Bramble, Portland.*	Adm. Com.	Endeavoured to sail for St. Malo with their convoys, but were forced back 3 days since, as also this morning; will go the first opportunity; have received 14 days' provisions from Capt. Pley at Weymouth. The Drake has also put into the Road with her convoy bound for St. Malo, and being almost out of provisions, has left the convoy in their care, and intends for the Downs.	19
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Rolling Grounds.*	„	Found care had been taken to supply his provisions to 6 months, and all other things done to render him fit for sailing, but not knowing their orders, has gone into the Rolling Grounds to wait commands. Thanks for the respite to enable him to visit his relations and friends.	20
„ „	Capt. Bartholomew Peartree, *The Lichfield, Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Sailed to Spithead by order of Capt. Heaton, and came into Portsmouth Harbour by order of Capt. Thorowgood.	21

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Feb. 3	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs.	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - - - -	22
„ „	Jno. Packwood, *Woolwich.*	„	Certifies the names of 6 ships at Woolwich in sea pay, with their full complement of men, and of 3 others in rigging wages, with the number of men on each.	23
„ 4	Rich. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	As the timber and plank are nearly expended, and as some extraordinary services may be expected, desires a supply; also some masts and the long boats for the Expedition and Adventure.	24
„ „	Capt. Rowl. Bevans, *Convert, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has just received their order of the 29th ult. to go to Hull, but wanting anchors and cables, came to Harwich, where he received order from Commissioner Bourne to take in 6 weeks' provisions, and then return to his station.	25
„ „	Capt. Peter Foote, *Mermaid, Milford Haven.*	[Robert Blackborne.]	Came from Passage in Ireland the 26th ult. in hopes of gaining Kinsale, but by reason of contrary winds, bad weather, and shortness of provisions, bore up for Milford, where he has taken in 2 months' and is ready to go for Kinsale. Found his convoy at Milford, but she was so much damaged in the storm that she cannot perform her voyage for Ireland. She had 5 feet of water in her hold when she came in, and as she now lies, the water has free passage in and out of her. Asks for 20 or 30 printed tickets, so that he may satisfy the widows and others to whom he stands engaged.	26
„ „	Rear-Adm. John Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Shall observe directions concerning the disposal of the prisoners now on board, a convoy for the vessel from Havre de Grace, and the sending 100 able seamen to the Hope. Will impress as many men, both from ships passing through the Downs, and from the shore, as may possibly be had, and entertain on board as many supernumeraries as he can gain, but at present there is not a ship or vessel, all this squadron being disposed. Suddenly expects the return of some of them, and then will do his utmost to prosecute their commands. With account of the present employment abroad of 14 ships and vessels named, forming the Downs squadron.	27, 28
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	Particulars of ships. The Acadia and Hart pink are in the harbour; the Cornelian arrived yesterday, without anchor or cable, or six men that could stir to bring in the ship. They had broken their rudder, and coming in in a great storm, no pilot could get out, so that they ran against the pier head, and broke their head and bowsprit; as all the men are sick and lame, they desire to stay a month or 6 weeks in harbour. The captain asks if he shall discharge them and give them tickets, as he has many eaters but few workers, and he will do little service until he gets 12 or 20 lusty, able seamen, and turns the rest on shore. Asks whether to refit or lay her up; the weather being so frosty, nothing can be done until it breaks, and the men being so sickly are unwilling to go to sea. Begs payment of the money due to him 29 Sept. 1657; there is 1,300*l.* of that quarter unsettled, besides 1,150*l.* due at Christmas; draws no imprest money, the allowance is very small, and the money being so long coming before it is paid, has much ado to have anything done.	29

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Feb. 4	Capt. Giles Marsh, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	He, the rest of the officers, and most of the men are ashore sick, and those left on board in the same condition, and not able to bring about the ship; asks what to do.	30
„ „	Capt. Jeffery Pearse, the *Guinea, Portsmouth.*	„	Has brought 12 sail safely to Spithead, as also two hoys with ammunition, and a vessel with butter and cheese for Portsmouth. Is now on board the hulk, and will work diligently. Rear-Adm. Bourne having granted him 3 days' leave to go to London, desires their assent.	31
„ „	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Centurion, Portsmouth.*	„	Delivered his Highness's packet to Rear-Adm. Bourne; has acquainted the master attendant and master builder at Portsmouth of his wants, and as they have promised a supply, will make all haste to get ready.	32
„ „	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Harwich.*	„	Having received 20 boxes on board, containing as is alleged 20,000*l.* for Leith, desires order for sailing and delivering them there.	33
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	„	Arrival, refitting, and sailing of ships named - - - - - - - -	34
„ 5	„ „	„	To the same effect. The Lichfield wanting a boatswain, recommends Jno. Hubbard of the Hope fly boat, having known him for 2 years, and Capt. Martin having given him a good commendation. The boatswain of the Guinea is dead, and the mate is acting at present, by warrant from Admiral Stoakes.	35
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Jno. Hubbard, boatswain of the Hope flyboat, for employment in the Lichfield or Guinea; the Hope having been laid up for the last 2 years, and he having a family, his means are so small that he cannot subsist.	36
„ „	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Spithead.*	„	In his last voyage for France, cruising in his station to the west of Scilly, met with very stormy weather which forced him into the Channel; secured himself in Plymouth Sound, where he received the Commissioners' orders to proceed to Spithead, but could not sail until the 2nd instant. Having been off the ground nearly 3 months, his ship is foul and leaky, and the ironworks of his rudder are broken; has only 9 days' provisions left, and wants cables, sails, &c.	37
„ „	Capt. Edmund Curtis, the *Newcastle, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Has received the impress warrant, and will do his best to comply with their desires; having taken in the six months' provisions from Ipswich, hopes to be ready by Tuesday to observe the order received from Major Bourne; can do as much service there in getting men as at Harwich. While his furnaces are being set, will send to Ipswich to see what men can be got there.	38
„ „	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance.*	„	Six charges against Abr. Browne, his purser, of neglect of duty, disobedience to orders, misleading the clerks of the check, refusing to render accounts, and injuring the ship and her company, when bound with a convoy for Rochelle and Bordeaux, through shortness of provisions, whereby they were put upon short allowance, and suffered other inconveniences, not only while at sea but also while in petty warrant.	39

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Feb. 5	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends similar charges, with additional particulars of Browne's absences from the ship, neglect of duty, &c.	40
" "	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Will observe their orders as soon as he gets the provisions and the long boat - - -	41
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	"	Received their letter to Major Bourne, he being absent. The Amity has taken in the money for Scotland. Particulars of ships.	42
" 6	Capt. Rich. Hodges, *Portsmouth.*	"	Will impress what men he can, and proceed to Southampton, where he hopes to find many -	43
" "	St. Jno. Steventon, *Dockyard.*	Navy Com^rs	Arrival and departure of ships. The Centurion having 3 months' sea victuals remaining, asks whether they shall spend it in barbour, or preserve it, and spend petty warrant victuals.	44
" "	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Beaumaris.*	Adm. Com.	Has brought over from Dublin, by order of the Lord Lieutenant, Sir Hen. Ingoldsby, Col. Redman, Capt. Geo. Ingoldsby, and Dr. Loftus, M.P.s for Ireland, and is now returning. Sends an account of cables, masts, ropes, &c., needed, and desires order to repair to some place where he may be supplied.	45
" 7	" "	Navy Com^rs	Has had to lay out money for the repairing of his ship, most part of which was repaid at Dublin; but knowing he will be charged therewith, as if the money had been lent to him, has sent an account, and desires they will pay his brother what is due; also 3*l.* for impress and conduct money to 3 men from London to Chester, which he has had no time to demand since Dec. 1655, through being continually employed on the coasts of Ireland and Wales.	46
" "	John Greene, *Deptford.*	—	Account of 6 ships at Deptford in rigging wages, with the dates when they began, and the number of men borne on each.	47
" "	Capt. Jno. Hayward, the *Essex, Harwich Water.*	Adm. Com.	Has completed his repairs, but has been hindered in taking in his provisions by the weather. Having lost 8 or 9 of his company by death, and having many sick and unserviceable lying at the expense of the State, desires 30 or 40 tickets, that he may discharge them; if he can press some lusty and able seamen in their places, will be ready to sail next week.	48
" "	Capt. Anthony Archer, *Forester, Harwich Water.*	"	Will make all haste to clean and victual and sail to the Hope. Capt. Pack has received a great sum of money on board; some of his men are sick with the smallpox, but cannot supply him with any, as several men-of-war are abroad. Has sent up his gunner for an order for two brass guns, as also to change some others.	49
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	The Ruby frigate and Hind ketch have come down. There are no other ships in the Hope -	50
" "	Ordnance officers -	"	Recommend Edw. Homewood for a lieutenant's place as he is well qualified, having had experience in the navy.	51

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1658–9. Feb. 7	Phineas Pett - -	Thos. Turner, Clerk Genl. to the Navy Com^rs	Sends a second account of the number of men entered on board 8 ships named, with particulars of refitting and victualling.	Vol. 208. 52
" "	Jonas Shish, *Deptford.*	Col. Clarke	The ships destitute of carpenters are the Rosebush and Marten galley. The new ship will be ready to launch next Saturday, and to take in her victuals two days after.	53
" 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out an imprest bill to the surgeon of the Naseby for 10*l.* extraordinary, to enable him the better to furnish his chest for the present expedition.	54
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting and cleaning of the Assistance at Chatham, and for her supply with all necessaries requisite for the present expedition.	55
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Preston, reserving 3 months' in hand as accustomed.	56
" "	Rear - Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The Dragon has arrived with 8 ships under convoy. There were 10 when she came from the Canaries, but she lost the company of two off the Land's End; Capt. Haddock hopes they also are safe. Sends a letter from him with particulars.	57
" "	Capt. Peter Butler, *Marmaduke, Torbay.*	"	Is still detained, with a considerable fleet of ships bound southward, from getting out of the Channel by contrary winds; is as far forward as those that went out a month before.	58
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	"	The Forester is ready to take in the men appointed to be brought to the Hope, and to sail with the first fair wind; the Newcastle with 2 others is also ready to sail, but her commander is at Ipswich, prosecuting their orders touching the pressing of men. Particulars of ships.	59
" "	Capt. Jno. Harman, *Torrington, Spithead.*	"	Has endeavoured to procure seamen, but finds very few at Spithead; if he had a press warrant to send to Southampton, Poole, and adjacent places, many might be gained; will do all he can while lying at Spithead, but is ready to sail.	60
" "	Capt. John Bowry, *Spithead.*	"	Sailed on the 2nd inst. with his convoy out of the Needles, but the wind being contrary, kept at sea all night; the next morning, went for Portland Road, where he found the Bramble and Lark, and delivered his convoys to them, as ordered by the Rear-Admiral. Came to Spithead for a pinnace for the Richard, and having been shown an order from Lord Montague to Capt. Thorowgood, for the first ship that was bound to the Downs to take on board Capt. Gey, who is going to Dunkirk, and carry him to the Downs, will receive him on board and hasten there, with 2 Morlaix men and one Canary man now in harbour.	61

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Feb. 8	Timothy Grimbell -	Vice-Adm. Wm. Goodson, *Whitehall.*	Understands there is an opportunity for employing him in the service. His hoy is 50 tons burden, and worth 42*l.* a month, the owners providing 5 men with victuals and wages, or 30*l.* a month the State finding men, wages, and victuals, and furnishing him with 4 or 6 months' pay towards fitting her out. Wants to serve in this expedition, hoping to enjoy his company; desires a quick answer, and the most the State will give, as but for this, he would now have been making for Newcastle.	62
„ 9	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Has been refitting the Triumph with such a number of men as he has. All his ordnance and boatswain's stores and 30 tuns of beer are on board, and his sails at the yard, but his chief want is men, which he will endeavour to get from the ships at Chatham.	63
„ „	Capt. Godfrey Reader, *Eaglet ketch, Shadwell Dock.*	„	Sailed from the Downs, with 30 of the Richard's seamen on board, by order of the Rear-Admiral, and put them on board the Ruby in the Lee Road; has brought up 25 of the prisoners taken in the Domingo prize, and desires order for their disposal.	64
„ 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for cleaning and fitting the Bryer for service in the Channel - - - -	65
„ „	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - - -	66
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Rolling Grounds.*	„	Has received their orders, and perceives their great importance. The Forester being aboard the hulk till Tuesday, was not in a condition to receive men until to-day; has sent them to her in the harbour at Harwich. Has endeavoured to impress what men he could in the Rolling Grounds, and the Hunter the like in Hoseley Bay, but the season of the year is not yet open for the generality of traders in those parts, and the continuance of the easterly wind keeps all the vessels in upon the coast, so that little has been done. They have limited him to 50 men for the service of the fleet at Chatham; should have been glad to render the whole complement of old standers, but many of his men are ashore sick, and those on board very feeble and unfit for service, therefore could not send Capt. Archer more than 43, unless he had supplied him from the above, but those sent are able men. Will prosecute their orders with all diligence.	67
„ „	Capt. Robt. Nixon, the *Worcester, Chatham.*	„	Will take in all to-day, and be ready to sail by Saturday, but the wind is easterly. Has only 150 men, and as he does not expect to get many more while at Chatham, desires a press warrant may be sent with his orders.	68
„ „	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Centurion, Portsmouth,*	„	Has got out the provisions, guns, &c., and will be ready to haul on shore to clean to-morrow; hopes by Tuesday to take them in again and proceed to the Downs, as ordered by Rear-Admiral Jno. Bourne.	69
„ „	St. J. Steventon, *Portsmouth.*	—	Particulars of the date of sailing of 6 ships named, and the arrival of another, with the number of men on each.	70

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Feb. 10	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival, cleaning, victualling, and resailing of ships named. All possible dispatch shall be given to those still in harbour.	71
„ „	Capt. Anth. Young -	„	Since coming up, has sent down 70 volunteers, and his lieutenant and master being on board are getting what they can; has ordered the lieutenant to send notice when ready to sail, and he will go down and bring her into the Hope; it will be to little end to press men until she is there. Asks to be allowed a ketch as formerly.	72
„ 11	Adm. Com. - -	Store Keeper and Clerk of the Check, *Deptford.*	Order to issue out and send to Plymouth a quantity of hawsers, cables, and cordage mentioned for the supply of the service there.	73
„ „	Capt. Robt. Kirby, *Ruby, Lee Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has received from the Eaglet ketch 30 men who came from aboard Rear-Adm. Bourne, and since arriving in his station, has completed his number, and sent 44 able seamen into Queenborough Water.	74
„ „	Capt. Hen. Land -	—	Certificate that Geo. Jaques served well as gunner in the Signet under his command - -	75
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Geo. Faroe was lately appointed to serve the State as an extra pilot for the Sound, and received 10*s.* imprest as others did; but having neglected the service, and jeered those that went in that emergency, directed a messenger to take him into custody, and bring him before the Commissioners to answer for his contempt, lest others by his example might presume in the like case.	76
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Repairs of ships. Is much importuned by Mrs. Bowyer for payment of her bills, otherwise she will be unable to carry on the service; she has only received 14*l.* in as many months.	77
„ „	Capt. Geo. Pley, *Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their orders to the captains of the Bramble and Lark, who are in the Road with 8 ships under their convoy for St. Malo, forced back by contrary winds. As the wind now stands, it may be some time before they return to perform the service required. If another frigate is appointed from Plymouth or Portsmouth meantime, the men will be ready to take shipping, and in the interim he will engage such able seamen as he can. Hears from St. Malo that the Wolf and the Griffin will be ready to return for England with the merchant ships then ready on the 8th inst.	78
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Rolling Grounds.*	„	The winds have been so contrary these 3 or 4 days that no pilot would venture to carry the frigate out of harbour, but knowing the emergency of their commands, safely ventured out to-day, and is making all sail to the place appointed. Put on board the Forester 50 able seamen; hopes they will augment his own complement, and order him a few tickets for some of his men who have families wanting relief.	79

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1658-9. Feb. 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Having appointed the respective commanders of the ships refitting at Deptford and Woolwich, as also those in the Hope, to entertain as many mariners as they can procure, over and above their complement, and being informed that the clerks of the check at those yards, as also at Gravesend, refuse to enter such supernumeraries, they are to direct them to make entry of all such men as any of the commanders can engage, that the manning of the fleet may be expedited.	Vol. 208. 80
" "	" - -	"	Order for refitting and cleaning the Dragon at Chatham, and supplying her with all stores and provisions requisite for the present expedition.	81
" "	" - -	"	Order for taking up 5 hoys or ketches to attend the great ships setting forth for sea, and conferring with Vice-Adm. Goodson or Sir Rich. Stayner as to the vessels which may be most serviceable to the fleet.	82
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Weymouth pink, reserving 3 months' in hand as accustomed.	83
" "	Lancelot Anderson, Fras. Knowles, masters of the *Adventure* and *Charles of Hull.*	Navy Com^rs	Being bound for Bordeaux, and having been forced into Harwich by two Ostend men-of-war, desire that one of the frigates at Harwich may convoy them for the Downs; also similar application of Hab. Wiles, master of the Providence of London, laden with coals and assigned to Lord Lockhart at Dunkirk for the use of the State.	84
" "	Wm. Blaydes, *Hull*	"	The Advice came into Hull Road on 28 Jan., and the frost coming on, was forced to lighten her by taking out all her guns, anchors, cables, &c. and put her on shore for safety; the frost continuing with very much ice, she still remains there. The demands of the boatswain are for cordage, colours, &c., which could not be had in Scotland. The Preston and Pearl are in the Humber; the Pearl will attend the London fleet as soon as the wind presents.	85
" "	Capt. Peter Bowen, the *Bradford*, [*Harwich.*]	Robt. Blackborne.	Has tallowed and taken in his guns and stores, and when the provisions are shipped, will be ready for orders.	86
" "	Robt. Grassighnam, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - - -	87
" "	Charles and G. Hewett, *Whitehall.*	Major Thomson.	Recommend Wm. Hicks for Mr. Burgany's place under his command at Deptford, and will engage for his honesty and faithful discharge of the duties.	88
" "	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Leith.*	Adm. Com.	Has safely arrived at Leith - - - - - - - - -	89
" "	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Centurion, Portsmouth.*	"	Thanks for their offer of the command of the new frigate at Deptford, and will leave for London next Monday. The Centurion is ready to dock, but the Reserve is not yet out.	90

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Feb. 12	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth*, *Spithead*.	Adm. Com.	Has taken in his victuals and is ready to sail. Received their order, and will press all the able seamen he can.	91
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard*, *Portsmouth*.	„	Refitting, victualling, and sailing of ships - - - - - - - -	92
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*.	Major-Gen. Kelsey.	Desires he will procure an order from the Admiralty Commissioners for payment of 764*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* due to him on the account ending 25 Dec. last, or at least 300*l.* thereof, as there will soon be another quarter due. Begs to be remembered to his lady, son, and daughter. Kelsey's brother and sister Wivell and their children are well, as is also the whole town.	93
„ „	John Zeale - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a purser's place. Left Capt. Wallington's troop in Lord Desborow's regiment Jan. 1657-8, but it was October before his certificates were completed; is recommended by Lords Fiennes, Montague, and Desborow, and his kinsman, Major Gibbons. With note by Nath. Fiennes to Lord Montague in his favour.	94, 95
„ „	„ „	Edward Lord Montague.	Petition for a letter of recommendation to the Admiralty Commissioners for an appointment as lieutenant or purser. Was purser of the Crescent, cast away on Guernsey Banks, then rode in Lord Desborow's regiment in England and Scotland for 7 years, and was discharged at his own request. Has addressed the Commissioners for employment, and Lord Desborow gave him a letter to Col. Clerke; had also a certificate from the Commissioners at Portsmouth as to his abilities. With the said certificate; also letter from Zeale to Col. Clerke, 15 Feb., reminding him that the lieutenant and purser's places in the Assistance are vacant and begging to be considered.	96–98
„ 13	Capts. Lamb. Cornelius and Thos. Lardge, *Bramole*, *Portland Road*.	Adm. Com.	Received their order for transporting seamen from Weymouth to Queenborough, and one of them will do so on their return from St. Malo, if the men have not been sent.	99
„ 14	Capt. Rowl. Bevans, *Convert*.	„	Has turned over 20 men to Capt. Archer, had his ship cleaned, and as soon as his provisions are on board, will be ready for orders. Men are very hard to be got, but will do his utmost to recruit his men.	100
„ „	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard*, *Downs*.	„	The Kentish has arrived with several ships under convoy from the Straits; she has only 7 days' victuals left and is very foul.	101
„ „	Capt. Willoughby Hannam, *Kentish*, *Downs*.	„	Has just arrived with 9 merchantmen from various ports, and sends letters from Adm. Stoakes and Capt. Robt. Sanders. When he left Toulon on 28 Dec., Adm. Stoakes had gone for Leghorn. Met an English ship from Malaga, who reported that the Spanish fleet had not arrived from the Indies on the 20th ult., and was looked for. The Hampshire and Bristol should arrive soon.	102

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Feb. 14	Capt. Jno. Hayward, *Essex, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Will get all the men he can, and expects a considerable number of volunteers, but very little will be done by a press, the men having been frightened from the towns by those already made. The major part of his men have recovered; hopes nearly all the rest will be able to go to sea. Has been prevented getting his provisions on board, the vessel which is bringing them being detained by cross winds. Sends a receipt for the printed tickets.	103
" "	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Finding difficulty in impressing men, applied to the magistrates at Yarmouth, both civil and military, but a rumour being spread abroad before he arrived, few if any men within the limitation of their orders were pressable, the rest having hid themselves or fled into the country. Thinks their orders should be privately conveyed to the magistrates, when there is no doubt they might have what number they desired, there being 70 or 80 ships ready to go out of the haven.	104
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Will observe their order as to entering all seamen on board the ships under his muster that can be procured, over and above their complements, but there is not any ship in the Hope except the Forester, which arrived to-day; is informed she has 40 or 50 supernumeraries. The Hunter has arrived at Holehaven.	105
" "	Ordnance officers -	"	Have not only applied themselves, but enjoined all the labourers and others belonging to the Ordnance Office to give constant attendance for dispatch of the fleet. Beg by more than ordinary importunity an order for payment of two quarter books at least, in part of three quarters' wages now near due, whereby themselves and others may be encouraged to continue the cheerful carrying on of that service.	106
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	"	The Dragon having arrived, desires order as to her refitting. Has given the Navy Commissioners an account of the forwardness of all the ships at Chatham; wants more work for the men until they have the money for them, which they much lament for.	107
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	The Naseby will be finished to-morrow, the London is taking in her ordnance, and 6 other ships are waiting for a wind to sail. There is a great want of nails and other small ironwork, as the nail smith whom Mr. Ingram employs does not half what he did and only keeps one fire, but Mr. Ingram will explain the reason. Has had a small supply from him, which will last 3 or 4 days.	108
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	Adm. Com.	The Nightingale having come in, by order of Rear-Admiral Bourne, to be refitted and supplied with a boat, sends particulars of the works to be performed, and promises dispatch.	109
" 15	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy supply of surgeons' chests and other stores to several ships lately sent northwards, and now bound to sea in the present expedition.	110
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	As all the frigates in port are ready to take in their victuals, and will soon be ready to sail, and as he hopes to finish his work therein to-morrow, desires leave of absence to visit his mother in the county of Warwick, who is 84 years of age, and has not seen him for 9 years. As his way there will be through London, will spend a day with Commissioner Bourne, touching the business of the port, and arrange so that its affairs may be carried on during his absence.	111

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Feb. 15	Capt. Jeffery Pearce, *Guinea, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Has been detained by contrary wind, but it having changed, obtained the services of Mr. Podd, the best pilot in the town, to carry him out, and hopes to reach Jersey to-morrow.	112
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Particulars of the distribution of 969 seamen on board 8 ships named, most of which will be ready to sail with the first wind. The Dragon has come in for repairs, all her sea victuals are expended, and the Naseby is launched.	113
„ „	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	The land wall leading to Chatham Dock, which was erected at public charge, as also the wharfing, is much decayed; there is enough old ships' timber to repair it, and sufficient men in ordinary to do it; the value of the old timber will be 20*l.* and the workmanship 16*l.*	114
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	„	Desires they will order payment of Mr. Snow's disbursements for victualling the Grantham while in harbour. A boat going on board with some provisions was cast away and a man drowned.	115
„ „	Thos. Warren -	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Asks him to grant his friend Mr. Stafford his desire, in relation to the exchange he has formerly troubled him about.	116
„ „	Edw. Wood - -	Adm. Com.	The bearer has freighted the John and Jane of North Shields for transporting provisions for the army in Scotland from Hull, but having not long since sustained great loss in a like transaction, and hearing there are several Ostend pirates on the coast, as his lading is a perishable commodity, he desires that the first man-of-war that comes into the Humber to victual may convoy him over, or that he may be given into the charge of the one appointed for the Scotch and Hull ships now bound out.	117
„ „	Col. Hen. Smith, *Hull.*	„	Will observe their instructions, but there is no man-of-war in Humber, except Capt. Bowry of the Roe ketch, who has come in to victual. There is a rumour amongst the merchants that there are several Ostend men-of war on the coast.	118
„ 16	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	„	Has appointed the Wexford, Vulture, and Cornelian to be fitted out as fireships, they being apt for that service and good for little else but to burn, 2 of them being old and weak. Has given order for their speedy dispatch, and the Ordnance officers shall have notice as to what guns will be necessary for them. Particulars of ships.	119
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Has been to Chatham, and found that the Triumph and 6 others, having been refitted and had all their stores and provisions shipped, had sailed for Plymouth and Queenborough, and that 6 more were in hand and would suddenly follow. There is a great want of men, as well for the ships gone as those left, and no great help can be expected from the watermen, it being their trade to row backward; it is a pity they should have to return to London for their clothes, they being a goodly number, although 3 only have as yet appeared. Hopes to see an end of the business at Chatham by Monday; and will wait on them next day.	120
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Has docked the Newbery, by order of the Navy Commissioners, to strip off her sheathing and recaulk her, and hopes to have her ready to take in her provisions in 10 days.	121

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Feb. 16	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Tynemouth Road.*	Adm. Com.	After arriving in Tynemouth Roads, went to Newcastle as ordered, and finding but few ships or men, applied to the mayor and the rest of the magistrates, but did not procure a man. Has added a few to those he pressed at sea, and on his return, will stop at Sunderland, Whitby, and Scarborough; if any men are to be had by direct means, will use all diligence to execute their orders.	122
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Satisfaction, Woolwich.*	"	Is still waiting for the coming down of his provisions. Mr. Sprigg cannot send any on board until next week, except he leave one of the great frigates without.	123
" 17	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Robert Tucker for the boatswain's place in the Wexford, about to be fitted as a fireship. Hears nothing of the Commissioners' resolution as to fitting out the Convertine and Bear as fireships; both are good men-of-war, but out of repair.	124
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order for the repair of the Bear and Convertine at Woolwich for sea service, as also for the refitting of the Kent on her arrival at Deptford, and furnishing her with stores, &c., for service in the Channel.	125
" "	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Tilbury Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Left Chatham yesterday with the Triumph and 4 others. Had 114 men entered, but only 70 have come on board; hears some are at Gravesend and others at London, and believes they will all come when they hear he is in the Hope. Has got all the provisions in, but with much trouble for want of men, and has neither a lieutenant nor master; the master, having hurt both his legs when the Plymouth was getting out of dock, and not being able to stand, has been left behind at Chatham. Has sent up the boatswain to satisfy Mr. Fleetwood concerning the man who died on the coast of Scotland, and on his return, desires 3 or 4 days' leave to come to London to procure necessaries for his voyage.	126
" "	Capt. Wm. Barker, *Lizard, Milford Haven.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sailed on the 14th with the Hope and 7 sail bound about land, but the wind taking them short at Padstow, put back for the harbour, where he met the Dartmouth, who gave him their order, which he will observe unless he finds another in the Downs.	127
" "	Capt. Robert Clarke, *Triumph, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has just arrived in the Hope from Chatham, in company with the Triumph, and will use all diligence in getting men and his provisions and stores on board.	128
" "	Capt. Fras. Cranwill	"	As they promised him, as also Lord Cooper, to give him a command on opportunity, and as there are several small vessels fitting out at Deptford for the present expedition, asks to be put in one of them; will prove himself no worse than formerly, but rather better, for a desperate wound must have a desperate cure.	129
" "	Capt. Edm. Curtis, the *Newcastle, Harwich.*	"	Will sail into the Sladway to get what men he can for the fleet, as there is little to be done therein about those parts, the people being generally bent against the present government.	130
" "	Capt. Mark Harrison, *Elias, Hope.*	"	Has just arrived in the Hope, and will endeavour to complete his number of men; wants 60 to make up the 150 allowed, also water, and some small necessaries for the gunner. Begs to be excused for not coming to London, as his absence would have been a hindrance.	131

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Feb. 17	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Will acquaint them what number of men he mustered on board every ship by next post, the muster books not having yet come to hand.	132
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect	133
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	The Triumph and 6 others have sailed from Chatham for Plymouth and Queenborough, and as the Naseby and 3 others will be ready next week, desires their victuals may be hastened down; 3 watermen have appeared to enter themselves, but none at work; wishes the fleet may not stay for them.	134
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Has examined Capt. Sparling and his purser, and such persons as they could produce to make good their mutual charge, but find the captain cannot prove his as to the purser making false entries, the books being with the Commissioners, and the purser cannot prove the captain's intemperance as to drink. As there are such animosities between them, the purser ought to be removed to some other ship. With depositions by John Anthony and George Jewell, officers of the Assistance, that Capt. Thos. Sparling, her commander, was often seen the worse for liquor, 19 Feb. 1658–9.	135, 136
" "	Capt. Jno. Simmonds, the *Jersey, Tilbury Hope.*	"	Sailed from Deptford yesterday, and has nearly all his provisions and stores on board, also 140 men.	137
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	"	Has dispatched the Basing and Lichfield, which are now at Spithead, and as the Centurion and Reserve will be ready this week, the victuallers' instruments must be quickened to send their provisions on board. The Basing wants her captain and 20 men. Sent their letters to Capts. Hedges, Sansum, and Harman, the latter being at Cowes pressing men.	138
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" 18	Capt. Rowl. Bevans, *Convert, Harwich.*	"	Having received their order to sail to the North Seas, has sent his purser to Mr. Clarke, the victualler, to complete the provisions for 4 months, having received 6 weeks' by order of Major Bourne.	1
" "	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	"	The Kent having been ordered for Deptford, sent 40 seamen by her, to be delivered to any of the ships in the Hope; the Gainsborough having arrived with 230 supernumeraries, as also Capt. Blagg's things, and 16 seamen on his account, sent them up in the same frigate. The Acadia also arrived, with several vessels laden with timber on the State's account, and being bound up the river, appointed the Swallow to convoy them for better security, and put on board her 40 more seamen, to be also delivered in the Hope. Particulars of ships.	2
" "	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Hull.*	"	Mr. Blaydes having cleaned the ketch, will take in her provisions, convoy some vessels of Hull, Lynn, &c., to the Yarmouth Roads, and then ply upon his station.	3
" "	Committee for inspection of accounts and revenue.	"	Order to send a list of all the State's ships in harbour, the names of the commanders of those at sea, where in service, number of men and guns on board, and the tonnage of each; as also what ships are designed for this year's service, and who commands them. Likewise to certify the state of the public magazines in reference to provisions, artillery, and materials for shipping and sea forces, and of victuals for the navy.	4

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Feb. 18	Jno. Ive, *Deptford* -	Thos. Turner.	As his master is a-bed ill, and will not be able to attend at the office, his letters should be sent hither.	5
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Sold the Dutch prize Golden Falcon, taken in 1652, to Jacob Blackleach and Hen. Roach, by the candle, since which she has been arrested by some persons claiming an interest in her, and the case is now depending in the Admiralty Court. Messrs. Blackleach and Roach having stated that the ship is now fitted out for sea, and that if she loses her voyage by these proceedings, they will be great sufferers, desire they will write the Admiralty Judge either to take off the arrest and clear the ship, or if she should not be found lawful prize, to order Messrs. Blackleach and Roach to be reimbursed what they paid the State for her.	6
„ „	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Tynemouth Bar.*	„	Received their order to clean and revictual, but had taken in 2 months' victuals. While plying in his station, met 2 Ostenders off Filey, and chased the largest as far north as the Staples, and seeing he heaved most of his provisions and other things overboard and sailed well, heaved his own long boat overboard, in hopes of getting up with her; but it proving of no avail, gave up the chase, and has since been cruising on his station. Has 5 weeks' provisions left, and has been off the ground 4 months.	7
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	„	Have 800 barrels of serviceable powder in store, and will supply the Lion and Winsby, who will take 211 barrels, and the remainder of the ships and frigates appointed for the rendezvous at Hoseley Bay will take up a far greater quantity than will then remain of serviceable powder. Although not wanting in calling upon the powder makers for what they have on hand by contract, yet find it absolutely necessary to call for a part of that at Windsor, so that the service may not be interrupted; even if they had no occasion for powder from thence, yet it will be a great advantage to consume it first, though it should be replaced by the new that comes in, inasmuch as it has long been lying there.	8
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Fitting out and sailing of ships to the Hope. Begs that a former demand for knee timber, and an extra fireplace for the smith's forge, may be attended to.	9
„ 19	Thos. Newberry -	Adm. Com.	Has supplied the Centurion, Reserve, and Basing, with more ordnance, as also 40 rounds each, and will get the carriages for the ordnance shipped. The Torrington and Portsmouth are fully supplied with gunners' stores, and had sailed before their order for additional guns arrived.	10
„ „	Christ. Pett, Wm. Acworth, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Have sent up several demands for provisions, but not received any, and the 7 ships that have fallen down the river are not fitted with stores. Wrote Mr. Davies for ensigns, flags, pendants, &c., but cannot have any. Send another demand, and desire the purveyors may see these provisions mentioned and those formerly demanded sent down. There is no plank for present use or for carpenters' stores, and Mr. Ingram will not supply more unless the money is sent to pay for it, the State being already so much indebted to him.	11

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Feb. 19	Capt. Rich. Rooth, the *Dartmouth*, *King's Road, near Bristol.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Coming from Youghall, with Lord Broghill and his retinue on board, the ship struck several times on a sand called the Culver, through the mistake of the pilot in casting his tides, which will sometimes deceive the most knowing of men. Has received no damage, save removing the rudder out of its place, so that he must haul her on shore at Milford to search her.	12
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	13
,, ,,	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	,,	The Grantham is ready to sail, but as her captain is ill and like to die, desires orders. The Dartmouth has arrived in King's Road with Lord Broghill; being much importuned by the merchants, desires she may convoy two of their ships bound for Bordeaux and Rochelle, and bring back the Samaritan and 3 others ready laden there, who dare not venture without convoy, the danger being so great and the profit so little. There is a small vessel bound for London going with the Grantham, which can take in 20 tons of shot if they send order.	14
,, ,,	Capt. Valentine Tatnell, *Adventure, Harwich.*	,,	Is ready to sail, and only waiting orders - - - - - - - - -	15
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	,,	Victualling and sailing of ships named - - - - - - - - -	16
,, 20	Capt. Peter Bowen, the *Bradford, Harwich.*	,,	Is ready to sail, but cannot get his provisions from Ipswich; as he has sent several times to the victualler's agent, hopes they will not think him guilty of neglect of duty. Asks them to consider the burthen of his ship, her dimensions of masts, yards, rigging, and sails, equal to some frigates of the 4th rate, and grant him the same complement of men as the Fagons and Sorlings; also to send him a press warrant, having been without one all the voyage.	17
,, ,,	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm. Com.	Has endeavoured to prosecute their orders, but though he used both mild and rigorous ways to bring the seamen in, they obscured themselves so that he could not answer expectation. Had 20 volunteers upon beat of drum, and impressed 15, which are all at present from Yarmouth, but has now got his complement; as several have not got their clothes, will have to wait for them; hopes meantime to do some more business, and will ply for Hoseley Bay.	18
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. King, *John ketch, Harwich.*	,,	Is still ranging in his station, and convoying small vessels to any place thereabouts. Has not seen any of the enemies' ships, but hears there are some about Yarmouth and Sole Bay, though they have done no harm.	19
,, ,,	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	,,	List of 13 of the State's ships in the Hope, with the number of men mustered on each, and of those absent.	20
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com[rs]	Similar list. Received their order to enter all ships into harbour victuals on their arrival, but finding a general complaint, both of officers and men, of the badness of the two months' beef and pork on board, and they threatening they would not take in any petty warrant victuals until it was changed, has forborne sending any until further order.	21

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Feb. 20	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail to Hoseley Bay as ordered, but the ship being damaged by beating on the Scaw Reef, all her provisions and guns had to be taken out, and her ballast shifted; has had as many caulkers and carpenters at work upon her as could be employed. Has only 100 men at present mustered on the check book, but hopes to get his complement when he arrives at Spithead next week. Asks to be allowed 4 more guns to make his number 44, as also men in proportion.	22
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Sends a note from Phineas Pett of 270 men sent up by Vice-Adm. Goodson, and of 655, including 87 watermen, also sent up and distributed in 4 ships named at Chatham; if he can keep them to their duty for 3 or 4 days, they will dispatch those ships; in order that they may, has put all their clothes on board, and has taken away all the boats from the ships, so that they may not be able to go on shore. Desires, if any money can be spared on Tuesday, they will order payment of Mr. Munday's bill of imprest for 500*l.*, as there is a great want of plank, which cannot be brought in until the money is ordered.	23, 24
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Scarborough.*	„	Notwithstanding all care used in prosecuting their orders at Newcastle, and although he applied to all the military and civil officers there for their assistance, has not obtained more than 20 men above his complement; cannot say much for the assistance of the military. As a fleet is expected in a day or two, and he may obtain some men out of them, hopes he will be pardoned for prolonging his stay for that purpose, after which he will proceed to the place ordered.	25
„ 21	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to prepare an account of what naval provisions of all sorts are now remaining in the stores at Deptford, Woolwich, and Chatham, as also at Portsmouth, Harwich, and Plymouth; also an estimate of the tonnage of several ships mentioned in a list sent, as required by an order of the Committee of Parliament for inspecting the accounts and revenue of the Commonwealth.	26
„ „	„ -	„	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Grymesditch for his pay as captain of the Elias - -	27
„ „	Capt. Rowl. Bevans, *Convert, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Desires an order to Mr. Clarke to hasten down the remainder of his 4 months' provisions; will then proceed to the Downs as ordered.	28
„ „	Rear - Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	„	Sends particulars of the employment of 12 ships named belonging to the Downs squadron. Two others have passed through the Downs; the Eaglet ketch, as also the one attending on the Richard, have sailed with the clothes for Dunkirk, under convoy of the Selby.	29, 30
„ „	Capt. Rich. Country, *Hind ketch, Lee Road.*	„	Is attending on Capt. Kirby of the Ruby, but is short of provisions; wants tickets for several sick men on board.	31
„ „	Wm. Gardner, master of the *Dragon.*	„	Jno. Moore, who has been boatswain 6 years, has been ill 5 months with ague and fever, since the last voyage to the Canaries, and as he cannot proceed on the present one, recommends Thos. Jacob to succeed him. With certificate by Thos. Arkenstall that he has known Jacob from a child, and that he is honest and able.	32

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Feb. 21	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	Thos. Turner.	Account of the State's ships at Deptford to be fitted out, or in rigging wages, or that have sailed, with the number of men on each.	33
„ „	Jno. Packwood, *Woolwich.*	„	Account of the State's ships at Woolwich, as also those that have sailed, together with the number of men on each.	34
„ „	Capt. Jno. Harman, *Torrington, Hoseley Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Waits orders. The Portsmouth, Newcastle, and Adventure are also in the bay - - -	35
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, the *Portsmouth, Hoseley Bay.*	„	Since leaving Spithead, hears they ordered Mr. Newberry, storekeeper at Portsmouth, to supply him with an extra quantity of gunner's stores for 10 rounds, having only 30 on board.	36
„ „	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a receipt for 50 printed tickets. Thanks for appointing his lieutenant, who, being a relative, is valued at a higher rate. Wants 20 more men and a press warrant. Has made all dispatch in fitting out, and would have sailed had not an order come to the Ordnance officers to supply him with 4 more guns and materials; on receipt thereof, will proceed to Hoseley Bay.	37
„ „	Col. Hen. Smith, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Hears from a master of a ship from Newcastle that Capt. Nixon of the Pearl has taken an Ostend man-of-war, and was yesterday in Kelsey Road with his prize. Capt. Bevans has not been in Humber since he received their letter for him.	38
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Major Kelsey.	Arrival, refitting, and victualling of ships. Being forced to pay ready money for timber, plank, &c., neither Messrs. Whale nor Tatnell, the carpenters, having any of their own, as also to pay workmen, otherwise they would not work, intreats them to get him a supply.	39
„ 22	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Kent at Deptford -	40
„ „	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends an account of provisions required in the stores, and desires they may be hastened down, as also others formerly demanded, there being extraordinary use of them. The Adventure is constrained to go out partly unsailed, for want of canvas.	41
„ „	John Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Sends an account of officers absent from ships named in the Hope, the number of men mustered in each, and what stores remain to be supplied. Vice-Adm. Goodson is there, and hastening the ships to Hoseley Bay with all speed.	42, 43
„ „	Capt. Mic. Nutton, the *Norwich, Yarmouth Roads.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has just arrived with a fleet of Scotch vessels by direction of General Monk, and having to return to Leith, will take charge of 5 or 6 Scotch ships laden with wine from the Downs, and see them to Scotland.	44
„ „	Christ. Pett and 4 others.	—	Recommend Jno. Rudd, boatswain of the Augustine, for similar employment - - -	45

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1658–9. Feb. 22	Tim. Grimbell -	Nath. Wright, or Major Rob. Thomson, Navy Com^rs	Will fit the vessel as desired, and if informed where the Admiral's ship is, will repair to her; only desires to be allowed the same as others in like cases are, viz., to be entered into pay when this letter comes to hand, to be allowed the State's victuals for 5 men and a boy, 4 months' pay down, and a warrant to clear his men from impress.	Vol. 209. 46
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Understanding that the Falcon flyboat, laden with 90 loads of compass timber and knees, as also 44,000 tree-nails for the use of the State, was lying in Portsmouth waters, and there being great want of such goods in the stores at Chatham, has prevailed with Mr. Willoughby to send them there, and desires a warrant to the storekeeper to receive them. The price is to be as it shall be found they are worth.	47
" "	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	"	Has been lately hard put to it for ironwork, and has often spoken with and sent to Mr. Timbrell about it; he says that both his iron and credit are wrought out, and that unless he has money, he must give up, not having wherewith to furnish himself with iron, or to pay his workmen, the State now owing him over 2,000*l.* If he could obtain 100*l.* a month until the rest was paid, he might carry on the service. Much ironwork is wanted for the ships in the dock, all the old iron in the stores being used up; asks direction how the stores are to be supplied, so that the service expected may not be protracted.	48
" "	Rich. Vinson, *Plymouth.*	—	Inventory of anchors, cables, ordnance, shot, and other things in the stores at Plymouth - -	49
" 23	Capt. Anth. Young, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has all his provisions on board and only wants men. Went to Watermen's Hall, but they would not hear of shipping the men off from Tower Wharf, but promised the 100 allotted to him at Gravesend to-morrow or Friday; has ordered his lieutenant to attend with the boat to receive them. Is daily using his utmost to press men, and send them on board, and as he hopes to get manned within a week, desires leave to stay that time, as he can get them sooner on shore than on board, and will be able to settle a business relating to property left for his family; his wife being ill and subject to fits, his sudden departure may be prejudicial. Has received orders from the Vice-admiral to sail to Hoseley Bay, when fitted, and to send an account of his condition to the Commissioners.	50
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell, Admiralty messenger, for 50*l.*, disbursed by him for service of the navy according to an account sent, but abating the imprest.	51
" "	Committee for Inspecting the Accounts and Revenue.	" and Treasurer.	Order to make out a particular account of all debts owing for the navy to 1 Nov. last. [2 *copies*]	52, 53

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Feb. 23	Capt. Rich. Hodges, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Capt. Geo. Pley has promised that all the men shall be sent on board by to-morrow night. Sent to Bridport and other places to get more, and has 40 or 50 on board besides his company; would have sent them by the Torrington, had she not sailed before receiving their order.	54
,, ,,	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	The captain of the Grantham, although sick and not likely to live, has gone on board, and will sail to-morrow. There are in the stores 157 tons of the shot sent from the Forest [of Dean].	55
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition, Hoseley Bay.*	,,	Has tried to procure men at the place ordered, as also along the coast, and has got 50 to complete his complement, and 30 besides.	56
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorne, the *London, Downs.*	,,	Has sent up the prisoners in the London's ketch, and her master will attend them for orders as to their disposal. Upon coming on board, did not find sufficient men to sail the ship, and as none will enter themselves, through the report that the ship is suddenly going in, hopes means may be taken for procuring some at London, and sending them down in the ketch. Has delivered Robt. Tibbot of the Newbery into the custody of Capt. Smith.	57
,, 24	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	Whereas it is of extraordinary importance that the fleet be forthwith dispatched to sea, and the commanders' absence from their ships giving encouragement to the inferior officers to take the same liberty, whereby the service is retarded;—Order to give notice to all the commanders of the fleet to repair forthwith to their charges, and not depart from on board without leave in writing from the Admiralty Commissioners, one of the Generals, or the Vice-admiral. Also to employ some of their instruments to enquire after the inferior officers, so that they do not stay longer than needs must to procure men, and get their stores on board, and to return the names of such; also to enquire what boatswains' and carpenters' stores are yet unsupplied to the fleet, and see that they are immediately dispatched.	58
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for the speedy refitting and cleaning of the Mary prize, of 60 men and 12 guns, and the Signet and Lily frigates, of 40 men and 6 guns each, for service in the Channel.	59
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for the cleaning and refitting the Hind ketch, on her arrival at Deptford, from attending on Vice-Adm. Goodson, she having to attend the fleet setting forth.	60
,, ,,	,, - -	Adm. Judges, *St. Sebastian's.*	Assure them that in case John Hubbard, late master of the Greyhound of London, is released out of the prison of St. Sebastian's, on his coming home, there shall be such 5 common mariners, subjects of the King of Spain and prisoners at Plymouth, as shall be nominated by the said judges, set at liberty in exchange. Signed by Robt. Blackborne on behalf of the Commissioners. With certificate of Johanes Emans, notary public.	61
,, ,,	Capt. Rowl. Bevans, *Convert, Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Would have given Hen. More's ticket had he any, although his master much abused him at the Navy Office for giving false ones, which he never did; has sent up one for Edw. Hodges. Has been much troubled by orders for fitting the ship for 4 months, and sailing as convoy to the North Sea, but none to the victualler for provisions beyond for 6 weeks, ordered by Major Bourne. Has engaged with the victualler for 10 weeks' more, to complete the 6 weeks to 4 months, and having received them, will sail to-morrow.	62

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Feb. 24	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	The frigates that were ordered in to refit and victual are all gone out again, save 3 who will sail to-day; there are 5 already in Hoseley Bay.	63
" "	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	List of 6 ships at Deptford in rigging wages, with the number of men on each, and of 2 appointed to be fitted out when the order arrives.	64
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Sends the number of men mustered on 14 ships named in the Hope, with the officers then on board. Since Vice-Admiral Goodson left orders for their sailing to Hoseley Bay, many of the men who came with them have been absent, having had liberty by the officers to provide clothes. Most of the stores formerly mentioned have come down, but not 100 watermen have yet appeared.	65
" "	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance, Tilbury Hope.*	"	Received order from the Vice-Admiral on the 22nd instant to use all diligence to get his ship ready to sail with him for Hoseley Bay, but has been prevented through the non-arrival of the wood, which is the first thing taken in, both in men-of-war and merchantmen, otherwise the stowage is wholly lost. All other provisions have been lying alongside since the 21st, but could not take them in. Met with the same obstruction at his last victualling at Chatham, and had not Major Bourne supplied him, must have long lain there on the same account.	66
" "	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Centurion, Spithead.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	Received his letter with a press warrant. Left Portsmouth on Wednesday, and will be ready to sail to-morrow for Hoseley Bay.	67
" "	Capt. Barthol. Peartree, the *Lichfield, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	His ship having been refitted, and waiting at Spithead for orders since the 16th instant, applied to Capt. Thorowgood, but he stated he had written them about it; hopes no blame will be attached to him through delay.	68
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	"	The Centurion has sailed to Spithead, where she received the remainder of her provisions. Never had more trouble to get a ship away, and had he not employed the ordinary to work on board, she had not been dispatched; supposes Capt. Parke will now endeavour to complete his men, and get what supernumeraries he can. Thatcher, who keeps the Fountain in the town, having inveighled 6 or 8 able mariners to remain in his house until they had spent 3*l.*, arrested and put in prison one of them, and would not clear him unless the captain gave him a ticket; he also kept the mutineers belonging to the Ruby at his house; as he is a common persuader of mariners to absent themselves, if he is removed or made an example of, others would be afraid to entertain men from their duty. The Lichfield has gone to Spithead, and the master has been several times to enquire about her captain, but he has not appeared. There are 18 vessels with corn bound along the coast that dare not put to sea, from fear of being surprised; desires a convoy may be appointed, as also that Capt. Parke may convoy a ship with cloth from St. Malo and 2 others to the Downs.	69

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Feb. 24	Jno. Dawes, *Deptford.* Robt. Powell, *Chatham.* Jno. Browne, *Chatham Ropeyard.* Wm. Acworth, *Woolwich.* Robt. Grassingham, Jno. Browne, *Harwich.* Robt. Peacock, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Accounts of the remains of all sorts of provisions in their respective stores - - -	70–75
„ 25	Rich. Vinson, *Plymouth.*	„	Has sent Capt. Hatsell an account of the naval provisions remaining in the stores at Plymouth -	76
„ „	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Whitebooth Road.*	„	Gave an account of chasing an Ostend man-of-war, who escaped, being a better sailer. Since then, has chased and taken his consort, with 8 guns and 71 men, and has delivered her up to the Prize Commissioners, and the men to the Governor [of Hull]; has taken 2 guns and some ammunition out of her; will ply on his station until his 4 weeks' provisions are expended; asks orders as to cleaning and re-victualling. Had one man killed, and his sails, &c., are damaged by shot.	77
„ „	Col. Hen. Smith, *Hull.*	„	Capt. Nixon, commander of the Pearl, has brought in an Ostend man-of-war, which he took upon the coast on Saturday, and has delivered her to the collector of customs at Hull, who has order to secure all prize goods for the benefit of the State. He has also put 68 men and boys, besides the master and surgeon belonging to her, on shore at Holderness; the captain and surgeon, and 5 of his men, being dangerously wounded and unable to travel, have been secured at Hull, and the rest in York Gaol.	78
„ „	Capt. Sam. Sharland, *Fox, Milford.*	„	Having been off the ground 4 months, and having only 2 days' provisions left, has come in to tallow and revictual. There is no news of any enemies on this side of the Land's End.	79
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends an account of the number of officers and men mustered by him on board 14 ships named in the Hope. Finds many of the men absent on leave to procure their clothes; on their return, the ships will sail for Hoseley Bay. Will send their packet to Vice-Admiral Goodson; desires an order to clear Jno. Edghill, a waterman of Gravesend, who has been impressed, as he holds a commission enclosed, and has been very active and serviceable therein.	80

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Feb. 26	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com[rs]	Order to hire another smack or ketch to attend the Naseby in the present expedition - -	81
" "	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Triumph, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Went down to the Triumph to-day with such men as he had pressed, and then mustered 270, and hopes to have 300 by Monday; as all the provisions and water are shipped, desires the minister may be hastened down. As the cook has been appointed to another ship, recommends Fras. Holmes, who has acted as cook since they came from Chatham. With petition of Holmes for the place. Has served in the John and Elizabeth under Capt. Thomas, and in other ships for 10 years, received several wounds, had his elbow taken off, and his bones broken in several places in the Holland war, and being disabled for hard labour, had a pension allowed, which was taken off by Mr. Hayward at Chatham, to his great prejudice.	82, 83
" "	Christ. Pett and 2 others, *Deptford.*	Navy Com[rs]	Received their warrant for dispatching the stores to the ships lately fitted out, but have been hindered by want of provisions, being sometimes wholly without tar, pitch, oil, timber, and all sorts of ironwork, and by the delay in sending down other stores demanded from London.	84
" "	Capt. Rich. Rooth, the *Dartmouth, King's Road, near Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Not having received any reply to his of the 19th inst., is going to Milford, and desires order to their agent there to supply what will be necessary for repairing, cleaning, and re-victualling.	85
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	"	Sends an account of his disbursements on the Grantham, 285*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*, for which he has drawn a bill on them, and desires it may be met. The Grantham has sailed for the Thames; her master and boatswain both refused to carry the shot belonging to the State. The Dartmouth has gone to Milford.	86
" "	St. J. Stevenson, Jno. Dymock.	Navy Com[rs]	Send an account (missing) of the remains of provisions in the stores. The Centurion has sailed out of the harbour and gone into petty warrant, which will end to-morrow. She has 138 men.	87
" "	Jno. Timbrell, *Portsmouth.*	"	Desired Capt. Tippetts to acquaint them of his great wants, so that he might go on in the service; has not been negligent therein, having expended all he had in furnishing the State, and there is now 2,000*l.* owing to him. Has taken up 600*l.* at interest, owes 300*l.* at Lichfield for iron, has stretched his credit as far as it will go, and is brought so low that he has but little iron left, and no money to pay wages. Requests they will order the speedy payment of 300*l.*	88
" "	Capt. Anth. Young, *Rainbow, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has sent his boat with the lieutenant two or three times to the clerk of the check at Gravesend, to wait the coming of the 100 watermen and their clothes, promised by the wardens of their company, but has yet only received 10, and it is judged it will be Monday before any quantity of them will appear. Has 210 men on board, and expects a few more from London, so that if the watermen come, will do pretty well to sail to the rendezvous. If they do not appear by Tuesday, will sail without them, and make the best shift he can. Has done his best to get the men together.	89

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Feb. 27	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Sends account of the number of men mustered yesterday on board 11 ships named, with particulars of the officers absent. There are only 86 watermen on board all the ships; 5 ships have sailed to the Hope, and 4 others have come down; the captains have promised to give notice of any stores or necessaries wanting.	90
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs^	To the same effect. Asks for the return of Jno. Edghill's commission, sent up in his last letter, and notice whether he shall clear him from the press.	91
„ „	Capt. Thos. Fleet, *Success, Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Has taken in all his provisions except bread and beer; has 50 men and 38 guns, and if his boats were ready, would only have to attend to the manning of the ship. Will fall down to the Hope.	92
„ „	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Brier, Gravesend.*	„	Has just arrived, and desires orders - - - - - - - - -	93
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	„	The Centurion is dispatched, and has nearly completed her company, but cannot get any supernumeraries; if the wind present, will sail from Spithead to-morrow. No commander has yet come down to the Lichfield.	94
„ „	Capt. Jno. Lambert, *Lion, Tilbury Hope.*	„	The guns and carriages have come on board, the boatswain and carpenter's stores are expected; the clerk of the check will inform them what men he will want.	95
„ 28	Capt. Joseph Ames, *Winsby, Hope.*	„	Has laboured to get all ready for sailing, and only wants 15 tuns of beer and 30 men; will then repair to the rendezvous.	96
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	„	Knows of no neglect in dispatching the fireships, which are forward as relates to their hulls, and they might have been ready long since, if officers had been appointed and attended their duty. What has been done was by the boatswain of the yard and labourers, and until this moment, has never seen the face of any commander or officer save one; unless they are required to constantly attend, and use all diligence to procure men, and keep them close to their work, they will be behind expectation. Will lend help to carry the vessels down, and desires warrants for the boatswains, carpenters, and cooks, whose names he sends for approval, as also for their stores.	97
„ „	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Sends an account of supplies issued to officers of ships since his last. Mr. Grassingham and himself have made a survey of the remainder of the stores, and will send an account next post.	98
„ „	Roger Gilford and 14 other fishermen, *Rye, Sussex.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for a convoy to attend them in their mackerel fishing, there being several of the enemies' men-of-war on the coast.	99
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *London.*	„	Must return home to Chatham for 2 or 3 days to dispatch the Naseby and London; will then be ready to receive commands in reference to the present fleet, and will give an account of them from thence. Begs their remembrance of Munday's bill of imprest for 500*l.* The plank, lately delivered, has been bought on far dearer terms, and is not so fit for service, but the importunity of Capt. Taylor for a present supply invites him to recommend it.	100

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1657–8. Feb. 28	[Officers of the Yard, *Deptford.*]	—	Recommend Jno. Bowyer for the carpenter's place in the Maria, he having served in the Red Horse pink and in the State's yard at Deptford.	Vol. 209. 101
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	John Browne, Storekeeper, *Harwich.*	Have received his demand for provisions wanting at Harwich, and have given order for a supply from Deptford, save the cordage, which they would have him get from Ipswich or some other adjacent parts. He is to contract for 8 or 10 tons of the sort wanted on as good terms as he can. Will sign the bills as they come to hand, to be paid ready money.	102
Feb.	Geo. Roper, gunner of the *Nicodemus.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for a gunner's place in the Elias or any other ship. Delivered to Col. Kelsey a certificate from the Ordnance officers of his services in the Little Charity and other ships. Is poor, has many children, and has long waited. With certificates of Rob. Thomson, Nath. Wright, and Jno. Pearce, 27 April 1657 and 22 Feb. 1658–9.	103–105
	—	—	Note of the entries, discharges, and some re-entries of numerous mariners, from Oct. 1656 to Feb. 1658–9, with the wages due to each, total 259*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.*; also of 252*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* due to Richard Beckford, slopseller of London, for their clothes.	106
Mar. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to examine the account of disbursements by Thos. Shewell, of Bristol, for supplying the Grantham with necessaries for bringing her about, as also for the relief of some sick and wounded men belonging to her, and to make out a bill for the amount, placing the provisions bought to the account of her officers who received them.	Vol. 210. 1
" "	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	As soon as Mr. Grassingham has supplied another mast, and it is set and rigged, will return to his station.	2
" "	Philip Lyon, mariner, *Wapping.*	"	Petition for the gunner's place in the ship building in the Forest [of Dean] or any other, having been in the service 13 years, and served as gunner in the Speedwell and Freeman under Capts. Peters and Whittey; as midshipman in the Rainbow, Victory, and Torrington, under Sir Geo. Ayscue, at the reduction of Barbadoes; as master's mate in the Elias; and in most of the Holland engagements. Has been out of employment 12 months, and has a wife and a large family. With certificates of Capts. Jno. Taylor, J. Grymesditch, Roger Thompson, and 4 others. Also note that he was recommended by Vice-Adm. Lawson.	3–6
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Plymouth.*	"	Has been cruising about with the Constant Warwick, and put into Scilly for water, after which his ship sprung a leak; the water increasing, came to Plymouth, and applied to Capt. Heaton, who ordered him to haul on shore; having stopped the leak, hopes to be at sea again in 3 days. As his purser has died, desires another may be appointed.	7

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658–9.				Vol. 210.
Mar. 1	Capt. Anth. Young, *Rainbow, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Had 240 men on board yesterday, and some watermen came on board in the night, but has only received 41 watermen, and some of them are unfit to serve. Came down to the Hope to-day with the ketch, and pressed some more men, so has now 260, and has sent his boat to Gravesend for the rest of the watermen. Has received their order, and will sail the first opportunity; desires they will order payment of his bill of exchange, as also the bill for freight in Mr. Powell's hands, as his vessel having been out of pay 15 months, his family will want money.	8
„ 2	Capt. Wm. Barker, *Lizard, Falmouth.*	„	Sailed from Milford on the 22nd ult., with the Hope of London and 13 small vessels bound about land; off the Land's End, met Capt. Sharland, of the Fox, who gave him their order. Met one of the enemies' men-of-war, but he made off as soon as seen; his own vessel being foul, could not pursue him; came up very opportunely for the preservation of many who otherwise would have been surprised by him, as he had already sank two vessels. Is now waiting for a wind.	9
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Sends an account of the number of men mustered on board 11 ships named in the Hope, and of 3 that have sailed. All the captains are on board, except Capt. Blagg.	10
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^ts	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	11
„ „	Navy Com. - -	Adm. Com.	Send a return (missing) of all debts owing for the navy to 1 Nov. last, as ordered by the Committee of Inspection [of the revenue].	12
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	The Naseby and London have been fitted and are ready to sail, but are detained by the easterly winds. They might have sailed with the Dunbar but for the neglect of some of the officers. The Dragon has all her provisions, and is also ready to sail.	13
„ „	Capt. Anth. Young, *Rainbow, Hope.*	„	Desires that Mr. Jackson may sail with him as minister - - - - - -	14
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Triumph, Hope.*	„	Has again mustered the men on board, and found there were nearly 300, but many of the watermen sent down are young lads, and some say they have not served a twelvemonth of their time. Sent to Chatham for a pilot as ordered, but as none were at home, Commissioner Pett sent a warrant for one belonging to a hoy at Tower Wharf; on his arrival, will sail. The surgeon has not yet come down, for want of his imprest money.	15
„ 3	„ „	„	Desires that his kinsman, Wm. Dixon, late gunner of the Princess Maria, who had a warrant for employment in the new ship building at Portsmouth, may go with him this voyage, as he has already been a long time out of employment, waiting for the completion of the ship.	16
„ „	Col. Roger Alsop - *Dunkirk.*	Cols. Clarke and Salmon and the Adm. Com	Recommends Capt. Cobham, of his regiment, for employment at sea, as although very loth to part with him, it will be more suitable to his disposition, and tend to his preferment.	17

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658–9. Mar. 3	Sir Rich. Stayner, *Chatham.*	Lord Montague.	Has been down to the Hope and taken an account of all the ships there, and has also been to Chatham, where he found there had been great neglect by the master attendant and the pilots in not sailing the Naseby, London, and Dragon last Sunday; there are 10 hoys there laden with provisions, which cannot be taken in, as the ships ground every tide, which will be very prejudicial to them, should there be bad weather and an easterly wind. Particulars of the provisions required for those ships.	Vol. 210. 18
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their letter to the master of the Lichfield, who has sailed, and also theirs to the Deputy-Mayor at the Court-house, who had Thatcher before him, and finding he had committed many misdemeanors, he bound him over to answer at the Sessions, and to be of good behaviour; hopes this will have a good effect upon the rest who entertain and keep mariners from their duty. The Centurion with her convoy is still at Spithead, and the Basing in the Road; the Guinea has also arrived, having put Mr. Overton and others into a boat at Cowes, to be landed at Southampton; 30 masters of small vessels, bound along the coast with grain, desire a convoy.	19
„ 4	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order that—as 300*l.* was imprested to Rich. Creed, deputy-treasurer of the fleet, for contingencies last summer, but has been laid out for the service of Dunkirk and other public occasions not relating to the fleet—they examine the account and allow him what he has disbursed by order of either of the Generals.	20
„ „	Capt. Rich. Rooth, the *Dartmouth, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Received their order for convoying the Hope of London to Plymouth Sound, but she sailed with the Lizard the day it was dated; will get his frigate on shore to repair the damage through striking on the spit of sand going up to King's Road; desires an order to the victualler at Pembroke for a supply of provisions and to tallow.	21
„ „	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	„	The Dartmouth having suffered much damage going up the Channel with Lord Broghill, intends hauling her on shore to view her defects; as her commander desires she may be tallowed, will disburse the money required, but desires he may have it again without delay; tallow has risen to that rate that he does not know how to procure it, being 56*s.* a cwt., and very hard to be had for money. Has disbursed 40*l.* on the Lichfield and Fox, and when the Dartmouth is finished, will send up his bill, and hopes he will not have to wait for his money. The Fox has gone over with Lord Baltimore.	22
„ „	Ordnance Officers, *Tower.*	„	Send an account as ordered of brass and iron ordnance, arms, armour, and other stores in the Tower; also of guns mounted for the garrisons, and at Woolwich, Chatham, and Portsmouth, and taken out of wrecks and prizes.	23
„ „	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham Dock.*	Navy Com^rs	Will dispose of the ensigns as ordered when they arrive; sends an account of the number on board 7 ships named and what they require.	24, 25
„ „	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	„	The Kentish and Martin galley are in the dock, but no extra men are borne upon them. The Kentish is to be unrigged and her masts taken out, but the boatswain can only get 3 or 4 seamen, and they will not work except on board wages, for which order is desired.	26

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1658–9. Mar. 4	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	Wrote for a supply of stores, which are so much needed that he is obliged to buy many things, and borrow canvas of the sailmakers to make sails, which must be paid again when the stores arrive. The bearer has a small vessel that can bring most of them down.	Vol. 210. 27
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Satisfaction, Woolwich.*	Adm. Com.	Is still detained in the Reach below Woolwich by contrary winds; his provisions have not yet all arrived, but as they are expected to-night, desires that his sailing orders and some tickets may be sent to him in the Hope.	28
„ 5	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Bramble, Weymouth Road.*	„	The Lark and himself have safely arrived with their convoys from St. Malo; has lost his mainmast with the shrouds and rigging; as Capt. Pley will set another mast in a few days, has ordered the Lark to sail with some of the convoys for the Isle of Wight and return with all speed. There are so many small men-of-war about those parts that none can pass from one port to another without convoy, and on the coast of Normandy, there are many Ostenders of 18 to 24 guns, and some with less. There are 6 sail at Weymouth and Lyme, laden with drapery and bound for St. Malo. Capt. Pley desires an order for transporting himself to Jersey and St. Malo.	29
„ „	Capt. Jno. Lambert, *Lion, Hope.*	„	Having received the boatswain and carpenter's stores from Chatham, and mustered 210 men on board, has sent to Chatham for a pilot to carry him to Hoseley Bay, as ordered by the Vice-admiral.	30
„ „	Capt. Anth. Young, *Rainbow, Hope.*	„	Has not received half the number of watermen promised, and not half of them are men; if he were going a merchant's voyage, would scarce give them meat; wonders the Wardens deal so unworthily, considering what they promised. A boat having come alongside, having two lusty young men in her, named Henry Body and Thos. Eaton, exchanged a lad for Body, but as soon as the boat put off, he leaped out of the cabin window into the water; as those in the boat refused to bring him back, fired two muskets, but durst not hit them, there being two women passengers also in the boat; had no boat to send after him, and so he escaped. Hopes they will both be secured and sent on board, as they are able seamen and single men, and boasted that they had kept out of the way of being pressed. Has 290 men on board, and is endeavouring to get more up and down the river.	31
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	„	Finding his servant has made a great error in the account of the quantity of shot shipped for the Tower and Portsmouth, there not having been so much, sends an amended account, as also of what has been delivered to several ships; has 74 tons remaining.	32
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood.	„	Has spoken to the commanders of the Centurion and Basing, and they will sail with the first wind; but the Lichfield has gone.	33
„ 6	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Sends account of the number of men mustered yesterday on board 12 ships named in the Hope, as also of the ships that have sailed and are expected down. Sent their letters to Capts. Wilkinson and Rively, but the Satisfaction has not yet arrived.	34
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^rs	To similar effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	35

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1658–9.				Vol. 210.
Mar. 7	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - - -	36
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	37
" "	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Lord Edw. Montague, one of the generals of the fleet, for 1,000*l.* on account of his entertainment, as it shall grow due to him.	38
" "	" - -	"	Like order for a bill for his pay from the time he was last paid to this date - - -	39
" "	Rear - Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	As the victuals ordered for his ship have not arrived, is forced to go on short allowance, and as he cannot hold out above a day or two at that rate, has sent to Dover for a week or fortnight's victuals. Particulars of the movements of ships.	40
" "	Capt. Roger Cuttance, *Naseby. Hope.*	"	Has arrived safe from Chatham, and is taking in the provisions which came with him - -	41
" "	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	—	Account of the time 10 ships named were in rigging wages at Deptford, the number of men borne on each, what officers required warrants, and when some of them sailed.	42
" "	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Has convoyed several vessels from St. Malo, with Capt. Lambert Cornelius, bound for Dartmouth, Lyme, Weymouth, and London; as Capt. Cornelius had spent his mainmast, left him behind at Weymouth. Will convoy up those bound for London, and after taking in a month's provisions, will ply down to Weymouth, and then proceed to his station.	43
" "	Comr. Peter Pett *Chatham.*	"	The Naseby and London have sailed for the Hope. Has forborne giving the names of the persons who neglected a former opportunity of sailing them, as if they had been called to present account, should not have known how to supply their room. As Mr. Munday's 500*l.* is much wanted, hopes it will be sent to-morrow.	44
" "	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Leopard has sailed down to Halfway Tree, a lighter followed with the gunner's stores, and the guns and the rest of her provisions will go this morning.	45
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	Adm. Com.	Being on board the Dunbar in the Hope, saw the Naseby and London coming up, and when near Holehaven, the London's maintopmast came by the board in a strong gale of wind. Went on board, where he saw Sir Richard; no one was hurt, and both ships got into the Hope. Will send another mast from Chatham to-morrow.	46
" "	[Adm. Judges, *Ostend.*]	"	List of the Ostend prisoners formerly belonging to Capt. Adrian Coot's company, who were released at Plymouth and Chelsea College, in exchange for 27 English prisoners named at Ostend; also lists of 24 Ostend prisoners at Plymouth, 2 of whom also belonged to Capt. Coot's company, and of 36 English prisoners from Plymouth.	47–49
" 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill to Rob. Turpin for 500*l.* imprest, to be issued on warrants from the Commissioners for sick and wounded seamen.	50
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 2,000*l.* a week for two weeks, from 6 to 20 Sept. 1658, to be issued on the old declarations for victuals for the last year.	51

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1658–9.				Vol. 210.
Mar. 8	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com.	Like order for 3,000*l.* per week for 4 weeks, 24 Jan. to 19 Feb. 1658–9, for carrying on the victualling affairs on the new declaration for the present year.	52
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Anth. Officiall for 68*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*, disbursed by George Downing, Resident at the Hague, for the use of the Nightingale frigate, charging the same as an imprest on the account of Capt. Jno. Lightfoot, her commander.	53
" "	Rear - Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a letter from Capt. Shelley of the Hampshire, just arrived from the Straits. The Centurion has sailed.	54
" "	Capt. Edm. Curle -	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks him to move the Commissioners to appoint Wm. Yeats as his carpenter and Jno. Elliot as gunner, they having served under him before.	55
" "	Capt Thos. Morris, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Plying to windward of the Deadman, met the Francis of Ostend, commanded by Capt. Cary and carrying 8 guns, who was being chased by the Gainsborough, and having joined in the pursuit, took him. He had been at sea 5 weeks and taken 9 prizes, 2 of which belonged to Plymouth; one of them he sent to Ostend and sank the other. Will sail again to-morrow and cruise in the Soundings.	56
" "	Capt. Nich. Parker, *Fagons, Harwich.*	"	Has come in from Hoseley Bay to refit, by order of the Vice-admiral; as the Fagons is much shattered about the head by the ice, and has many other defects, besides wanting anchors, cables, &c., desires their commands.	57
" "	Barth. Peartree, the *Lichfield, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Came from Portsmouth as ordered, and has now received another order from Mr. Burton of Yarmouth to sail to Spithead, and convoy what vessels are there bound westward to their respective ports, and then repair to Capt. Hen. Hatsell, or Capt. Nich. Heaton at Plymouth.	58
" 9	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Sends account of the number of men mustered on board 6 ships named, with particulars of the arrival and departure of ships. Received their packet for Sir Rich. Stayner, but he went to London yesterday.	59
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	60
" "	Capt. Edw. Nixon, *Pearl, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Has received an order from the Admiralty Commissioners to convoy 2 ships laden with cloth from Hull to Hamburg, as also another order for victualling at Hull; needing a new mainsail, cable, &c., desires they will send them down, or an order to receive them at Hull.	61
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Has received their order to convoy the ships from Hull to Hamburg, but being in want of a mainsail, cable, &c., has written the Navy Commissioners thereon; the frigate has been off the ground 5 months, and requires cleaning and tallowing.	62
" "	Seth Jenkins -	"	Petition for a pension, being wounded on the Nonsuch ketch, taken prisoner by the Ostenders, and injured in his speech. With certificates by Capt. Rich. Cornish and Thos. Day, surgeon.	63, 64

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1658–9.				Vol. 210.
Mar. 10	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Guinea will be finished to-day, and there are many vessels bound for the Downs that have stayed to go in her company; the Lark arrived at Spithead with a convoy from St. Malo, and has returned to Weymouth; the 3rd-rate frigate is half built.	65
" "	——	—	List of 41 ships designed for the present expedition, with the number of guns and barrels of powder in each. Total 1,909 guns, 4,651 barrels of powder.	66
" 11	Capt. Wm. Gregory, *Cornelian fireship, Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	After the dispatch of the carpenters from on board, had all his necessaries to contract for with Mr. Sprigg, and then sailed to Gravesend; but the gunner has not done his fireworks, neither are there any arms or shot on board, and most of the powder and other gunner's stores are still behind; as there are only 16 men, and he requires 20, cannot yet obey their commands.	67
" 12	Capt. Rich. Hodges	"	Going on shore from Milford to Deal, had a complaint from a poor woman that his purser had stolen 3 of her ducks. At another time when the purser was sent to Milford to buy wood, Baronet Owen lent him a lighter to bring it on board, as there were none to be hired, and after he had taken leave of the baronet, he stole his son's game cock, so that the baronet had to send his man to fetch it from him. He is very idle and a drunkard, and is commonly left behind in the ports they come to.	68
" 13	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends the number of men mustered on board 10 ships named in the Hope, as also the number absent in each. The Basing has arrived in the Hope, with 68 volunteer seamen from Weymouth, as also 27 others, all of whom have been put on board the Naseby.	69
" 14	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	"	Sends an account of boatswain and carpenter's stores required for his ship, and desires they may be sent down.	70
" "	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	—	Account of the ships at Deptford in ordinary and rigging wages, and the number of men borne on each.	71
" "	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Dartmouth.*	Adm. Com.	There being several of the enemies' men-of-war on his station, by advice of Capt. Thorowgood, took charge of several vessels who desired convoy to Topsham and Dartmouth, and called at Weymouth for Capt. Cornelius; but he not being ready, proceeded alone, and by God's help effected it. Has since been ranging off Topsham and Lyme, and is now forced in by weather.	72
" 15	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Will keep a check upon the ships that come into port. Has bought 3 tons of Riga and Queenborough hemp, part being yarn, at 44*s.* a cwt.	73
" "	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Cheriton, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been convoying ships to and from Morlaix and the Downs, by order of Rear-Adm. Bourne, and having 6 weeks' provisions on board, is going 150 leagues with the Newfoundland men, by order of Capt. Heaton, but is first going to Dartmouth, to fetch them, and get them altogether at Plymouth, where part of the fleet is.	74

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Mar. 15	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Wm. Wright, minister of the Dunbar, for 10*l.* imprest, on account of his pay.	75
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting and cleaning of the Lizard at Woolwich, for service in the Channel.	76
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Hampshire and Grantham in the Thames.	77
" 16	" - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order, at request of Gen. Montague, for the refitting and victualling of the Swallow ketch, John Lawson, master, to attend the fleet on the present expedition.	78
" "	" - -	"	Order to consider the petition enclosed of the officers and company of the Nonsuch ketch, returning thanks for their release from the prison at Ostend and praying for payment of their wages, and also to examine how the ketch came to be surprised by the enemy, and whether her commander, officers, and men, performed their duty in their engagement with the Ostend sloops.	79, 80
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Pitt for 20*l.*, for transacting affairs in the Downs, by order of the commander-in-chief, the last half year, besides his pay on the sea book.	81
	Capt. Abr. Allgate, *Oxford, Plymouth.*	Com^{r}. Hatsell.	After a survey of the gunner's stores, had the powder searched, and besides the 6 barrels wanting, finds 6 more unfit for service; therefore desires a fresh supply, having only 11 barrels fit for use.	82
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Sends account of the number of men mustered on board 9 ships named in the Hope - -	83
" "	" "	Navy Com^{rs}	To similar effect. Capt. Smith of the Speaker desiring a pilot to Hoseley Bay, engaged with Mr. Merritt of Rochester, but he would not undertake it unless he, Morris, agreed to pay him on his return; he now demands his money; asks what he is to allow him. Has supplied the Success with 20 tons of ballast.	84
" 17	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order for the speedy repair of the Hampshire and Grantham lately arrived in the Thames -	85
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting and cleaning of the Selby at Woolwich, for service in the Channel.	86
" "	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Bramble, Weymouth Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has set the mast, tallowed, and is taking in 6 weeks' provisions. The Lark has gone westward, to convoy vessels to Topsham and Dartmouth. The convoys for Jersey and St. Malo are ready, and only wait her return. Hopes he and the Lark will be ordered to meet, as there are several of the enemies' men-of-war about, and if either should have any disaster, knows not to whom the fault would be imputed.	87
" "	Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Plymouth Sound.*	"	Received an express at Dartmouth from Capt. Hatsell, to assist the Newfoundland fleet from thence to Plymouth, as also to fetch from thence 4 vessels for St. Malo, which he has done, and on returning, to call at Dartmouth, Topsham, and Lyme, for others. Is taking in provisions, not having been supplied at Portsmouth.	88

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1658–9. Mar. 17	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com	Went down to the Hope to go on board the Basing, but found she had sailed, and all the others sailed to-day. The Leopard, Indian, and Great Charity, have come down.	Vol. 210. 89
„ „	Ordnance officers -	—	Account of ordnance, shot, and other gunners' stores laden in the Mary and Ann hoy of Colchester, for supply of the Portsmouth and other ships.	90
„ „	Capt. Rich. Rooth, the *Dartmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Received their order for cleaning and taking in 6 weeks' provisions, but was prevented hauling on shore for some time by the neap tides, and then found his keel and rudder much damaged; has repaired and is taking in guns and provisions. Being much importuned by Sir Hugh Owen to convoy the colliers as far as Torbay, will see them to the Land's End, as also some vessels for Ireland, there being several pirates on that coast.	91
„ 18	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	„	Account of his disbursements for necessaries supplied to the Dartmouth, Fox, and Lichfield, amounting to 107*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*; hopes they will order speedy payment. Doubts if he will give content in the price paid for tallow, as it fetches 56*s.* a cwt., and is hardly to be had, having risen in Ireland; neglected providing a quantity at the proper time, not knowing their pleasure therein, but lately lighted upon 8 cwt. at a cheaper rate, and the captain and carpenter of the Dartmouth importuning him to let them have it to tallow that frigate, complied with their request, although without order. Sent their letter to the victualler's agent, and will see it observed.	92
„ „	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance, Hoseley Bay.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has enquired concerning the pack of clothes, but as neither the former purser nor any of his instruments are on board, and the new purser is in London, indenting and receiving his necessaries for sick and wounded men, cannot give a full account of them. There is a chest of clothes stowed under the bread, but no one can give any account of it. If the new purser refused to take cognizance of them, thinks it was by reason of their being so stowed, and because he could have no other evidence of the quantity or quality than Mr. Browne's word, who knows nothing of what remains in the ship, save as informed by his former steward, whose discharge from the ship was contrary to his, Capt. Sparling's, advice, as he and the other officers fear there will be a sad account of the remains of their former victualling, and especially in the bread; but as soon as he can come at the clothes, will give the purser order to issue them out.	93
„ 19	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the late officers and company of the Nonsuch ketch, taken by the enemy, up to the time they were released out of Ostend.	94
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Sends his account of disbursements for victuals supplied to the Grantham, and the purser's receipts, except for what was cast away going on board. Has drawn a bill of exchange on them for 213*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*, and hopes they will give order for payment.	95

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1658–9. Mar. 19	Edw. Webb, waterman, *Tower Wharf.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the master of the Indian to make him some satisfaction. Has been a waterman 30 years, served the State at sea, and has had his only apprentice lately pressed on board the Dunbar. Bringing up Messrs. John Whitelock and Andrew Walker, 2 merchants from Gravesend, on the 12th inst., when near Half-way Tree, the corporal of the Indian made a shot at them to come on board, and in taking down his sail to hasten on board, the master of the Indian shot him on the elbow, which put him into great fever, to the danger of his life, total loss of his arm, and utter ruin of himself, his wife, and family. With reference to the Navy Commissioners. Also note that the merchants can testify to the truth of the above, and produce the bullet which lay in the wound 3 days.	Vol. 210. 96, 97
„ 20	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	„	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - -	98
„ 21	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	„	The ensigns for the Naseby, London, and Dunbar have arrived, but have been so long in coming that the ships have sailed; if there is any vessel going to the fleet, they may be sent in her. They have, however, 2 each already of various breadths.	99
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Satisfaction, off Blakeney.*	„	Is off Blakeney with 50 sail of Iceland fishers, and has lain 16 hours for the Wells' men, with the wind at N.E.; in case it should storm up, it will be very dangerous for the fleet, it being a deep bay. If they do not come out to-day, will be forced to sail without them to get sea room. Had much ado to persuade the Yarmouth men to stay; has all the Sole vessels, and one from Lynn, but none from Blakeney or Wells.	100
„ 22	Mary Ireland, widow	„	Petition for an allowance to her son, Wm. Ireland, able seaman in the Speaker, who being commanded on shore at Ostend, was taken prisoner, and lost all he had, and on his return to Dover, found his ship had been paid off, whereby he lost 3*l.* as his share in an adventure, besides being laid up with sickness for several months at her charge. With reference to the Navy Commissioners, to make the same allowance to the petitioner for her son's losses and sufferings as was given to the rest of the Speaker's company that were prisoners in Ostend and Ghent. Also certificates by Thos. Day, surgeon, of his sickness at Dover 19 July 1658, and by Edw. Rainborow and 3 others, that he served in the Speaker under Vice-Adm. Goodson, and was taken prisoner while employed in one of the boats carrying French soldiers on shore, 12 Jan. 1658–9.	101–103
„ 26	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell, Admiralty messenger, for 50*l.* imprest, on account for disbursements.	104
„ „	„ - -	„	Order to examine the accounts of Rich. Browne, of Pembroke, for necessaries supplied to the Dartmouth, Fox, and Lichfield, and make out a bill for what is due, charging the provisions to the accounts of the officers who received them.	105

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Mar. 26	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Sir Thos. Vyner for 50*l.*, and take his bill of exchange for the like sum payable at York to Lieut. Gervase Harestaffe, commander of Clifford's Tower, for maintenance of his Flemish prisoners.	106
„ 27	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth Sound.*	Robert Blackborne.	Having cleaned and tallowed, and going to cruise to look for the enemies' men-of-war, desires he will assist his purser in procuring a warrant for his minister, who has been with him since last September, and is well able to perform his duty, having taken his degrees in the university.	107
„ 28	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Fenn has sailed up the River as ordered; Capts. Ashford and Henfield have not met with any of the enemies' men-of-war, save a sloop of Ostend, which they chased on shore on the French coast, where she was staved to pieces, and the Ostenders escaping, were taken prisoners by the French. There are 7 or 8 vessels in the Downs bound for Bordeaux waiting for a convoy, and there are 2 or 3 small men-of-war about, having Swedish commissions, and manned with Swedes and English, one of which was fitted out of Dover, and takes Hollanders and bring them into English ports. Particulars of ships.	108
„ „	Capt. Jeffery Pearce, *Guinea, Lea Road.*	„	Has arrived with the 4 ships named in his instructions, and having the wind at south, will make use of it.	109
„ „	Jonas Shish, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^rs	Account of masts and bowsprits required for the stores. The want of plank to carry on the works is a great prejudice, as the mast maker is forced to take a mast of 27 inches and hew it to 24 inches, and there is a yard of waste cut off in that length.	110
„ „	[Major Jno. Wade.]	—	Account of timber and plank brought out of Dean Forest between 27 Sept. 1656 and 28 March 1659, to Lidney Pill, for the State, total 1,458 tons 20 feet, of which 300 tons were shipped for supply of the stores, and the remainder spent in building and repairing ships; there are yet 700 or 800 tons in the Forest ready for carriage. Also account of tree-nails brought out of the Forest and used for the State, or sent to London for supply of the stores; total, 123,709.	111
„ 29	Col. Jno. Clerke -	Lord Gen. Montague, the *Swiftsure.*	Recommends Capt. Grove for a commander's place in some 6th-rate ship, as he is an able seaman. Also Mr. Mather for a minister's place; he is an able, godly man, but destitute by reason of an Act of Parliament, which restored one Blake, formerly cast out for delinquency, to his place at Barnstaple. Supposes Mather's judgment inclines to the Independent way, but presumes his lordship will not think him the less qualified for that; does not know where he can have a more learned, able, and well qualified person.	112
„ „	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends an account of supplies issued to frigates; also of what Tim. Grimbell had by Vice-Adm. Goodson's order; with several muster books of the Roe ketch, Fagons, and Basing frigates.	113
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The Lizard has come down; doubts not but the Dragon and the Love victualling ships have arrived in the Downs.	114
„ „	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Plymouth.*	„	On the 23rd inst., when 15 leagues to the westward of Scilly, took the Francis of St. Sebastian's, an Irishman, who stated there were 14 frigates ready to come out from there. Has taken in 14 days' provisions by order of Capt. Heaton, and will re-sail to-morrow; being in great want of powder, hopes they will order a supply.	115

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Mar. 29	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs.	Recommends a carpenter for the Gainsborough; he is very able and honest, and formerly served under Vice-Adm. Badiley.	116
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Satisfaction, Buffon Ness.*	Adm. Com.	Has arrived with the whole fleet and a fair wind, which is fortunate, as some of them are very leaky. Has not seen any of the enemy on the coast, but heard 2 were off the Staples 3 days before. Has not any of the Wells vessels with him though he stayed 16 hours for them.	117
„ 30	Capt. Hen. Fenn, the *Bristol, Gravesend.*	„	Has come in by order of Rear-Adm. Bourne, and hopes to reach Woolwich to-morrow. Desires order as to the 2 Spanish officers and 2 Dutchmen he has on board; he is loth to leave the ship till they are disposed of.	118
„ „	Capts. Thos. Morris, Robt. Vessey, *Plymouth.*	—	Certificate that Geo. Rogers has been carpenter's mate in the Sorlings 3 years, and Jno. Cocke, gunner's mate 4 years, and were both serving in her at the taking of the Francis of Ostend, commanded by Capt. Cary; also that both are able men, and fit for such employment in the Francis or any other ship.	119
„ 31	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs.	Order for graving the Resolution and 6 other 2nd-rate ships named, as also for bringing the Sovereign into dry dock to be girdled and graved, and for her standing rigging, as also the Resolution's, to be put up.	120
„ „	„ - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to the captain and officers of the Grantham, notwithstanding any former order of suspension.	121
„ „	Rich. Bradshaw -	Adm. Com.	Having received his despatches for Hamburg, and understanding the merchant ships with their convoy have departed, asks what frigate they will appoint for his transportation, according to his Highness's order, being ready to go on board.	122
„ „	Nich. Philips, Robt. Sparowe, bailiffs, *Ipswich.*	„	Received 34 sick men from Lord Montague, with a letter to provide them with necessaries; as many of them have the smallpox, calenture, and very high pestilential fevers, and neither shirts nor other things, were forced to make a temporary supply, as also procure a physician and surgeon; ask whether any physicians or others will be sent down to look after them, pay the charge of their nurses and quarters, and provide necessaries.	123
March	Thos. Mulford -	Admiral Montague.	Petition to be continued in his place as cook of the Monk, granted him by order of the Admiralty Commissioners of 15 March, of which a person of slender capacity, who has been 10 years out of the service, is trying to deprive him.	124
„	——	—	Account of the charge of 74 ships named, whose time at sea exceeds 8 months, ending 31 March 1659; also note of what money has been paid on tickets for those ships up to that period. Total of the charge 279,339*l.* 10*s.*; total paid on tickets, 47,161*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*	125
„	Thos. Carter and partners.	—	Account of moneys due to them on old bills, as also for powder and match delivered into the stores, repairing old powder, stowage, and coopers' work on barrels. Total, 3,254*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*	126
„	Thos. White, *Dover.*	—	Account of stores wanting in the port - - - - - - - -	127

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1658–9. April 1	Wm. Blaydes, *Hull*	Adm. Com.	Requests that 149*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.*, spent in cleaning and furnishing the Pearl and Roe ketch, may be paid to Ensign Rich. Elton. The Pearl has sailed with the Hamburg and East Country fleet, and will be supplied with a cable when she returns. With order 7 April that the Navy Commissioners examine the accounts, and pay what is due.	Vol. 211. 1, 2
" "	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	"	Has prosecuted their commands touching the 3 Ostenders, the boy on board the Richard, and the Wakefield, which is ready to sail for Portsmouth; on her return, will send her to Dieppe to bring back Lord Lockhart, who will be ready to return for Dunkirk in 3 weeks. Capt. Haddock of the Dragon has arrived, with the victualler under his charge, and desires a month's provisions from Dover; will appoint him to take charge of the Bordeaux ships as far as Plymouth, and the Hawk to accompany the Lizard in attending the mackerel fishery. Particulars of ships.	3
" "	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Lynn Deeps.*	"	On the 20th ult., put 38 pressed men on board Vice-Adm. Goodson, and the next day received order from Lord Montague in Sole Bay to return with a letter to him, carry the Naseby's long boat to Harwich, and then ply on his station; has since convoyed 2 vessels of Lynn and one of Boston into Yarmouth Roads.	4
" "	Capt. Rich. Country, *Sole Bay.*	"	On the 27th ult. the General, with the rest of the fleet, being under sail, commanded him to remain there for a packet, which would be addressed to Sec. Thurloe, and on its receipt, to follow the fleet; having received one addressed to the Lord General, asks what to do.	5
" "	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Cheriton, Plymouth Sound.*	"	Sailed on the 18th ult. out of Plymouth Sound with the Lichfield and 42 ships bound for Newfoundland, and left them 150 leagues to the westward of Scilly; in standing for the Channel again, his ship proved very leaky, and had 3 or 4 feet of water in the hold before they knew of it. Were forced to lay her by the lee, and sling the carpenter overboard to find the leak; he found 5 of the leaden scuppers defective, which he was forced to plug up, and she is now tight. Wanted scuppers before leaving Plymouth, but there were none in the stores. Since his return, has received order from Capt. Heaton to sail for Morlaix to fetch over the ships plying there, convoy them to their ports, and then return to the Downs.	6
" "	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Brier, Scarborough.*	"	Is plying on his station, and convoying the light and laden fleets of colliers - - -	7
" 2	Saml. Whittell, Sec^{y}.	—	Account of prizes brought in and delivered to the Commissioners of Prizes between Jan. 8 and 22 Mar. 1658–9, with the ports where they now are, and particulars of their ladings.	8
" "	Capt. Rich. Streate, *Hart pink, Buoy of the Nore.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Having convoyed up a vessel from Dunkirk, has sent up his gunner, Robt. Shorten, and hopes they will consider his needy condition, and order payment of part of his wages, as he has been long at sea, behaved honestly, and his accounts are clear.	9
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *State's Yard, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has received their letter to Capt. Tippetts and himself, and the 6 ships named having arrived, intends getting them on shore to refit. Rear-Adm. Bourne has also sent in Capt. Poyntz, of the Wakefield, to refit, and then return to the Downs.	10

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April 2	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Is earnestly requested by the workmen to desire their wages may be paid, being a whole year in arrear, whereby many are in great necessity, having taken up upon credit for a long time, and now they can hardly be trusted, although their creditors make their own terms, which are sometimes very unreasonable.	11
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	Maj.-Gen. Kelsey.	Intreats payment of his arrears due to 25 Dec. last, amounting to 764*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* Is much troubled by the men for their wages, and forced to find money for them as soon as they have done their work; there is now so much money out upon his own account that it makes him heartless.	12
" "	" "	Navy Com[rs]	Has sent his account up by his son, and intreats them to pass and assign it, and desire the Admiralty Commissioners to order payment of the arrears.	13
" "	Wm. Wilson, keeper, *Dorchester Gaol.*	"	Has received from Capt. Lambert Cornelius Capt. Jno. Charles, late commander of the St. Peter of Ostend, and his company, being 24 persons, who were taken prisoners at sea by him; they very much complain of their small allowance, which, according to his Highness's institution for criminal offenders, is 1½*d.* a day; as it is reported that the allowance for such persons in Plymouth and other gaols is 4*d.* a day, desires order.	14
" 4	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends an account of the movements of the Downs' squadron, with particulars of other ships. Desires order as to sending two 5th-rate frigates to ply off Ostend and Dunkirk, for annoying the enemies' men-of-war, who are often passing and repassing that way; as there are so many of them abroad, there is no safety in sending a single frigate as a convoy or upon a station.	15, 16
" "	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Has been plying in his station since the 1st ult., and doing such service as Vice-Adm. Goodson ordered. The fleet were in Hoseley Bay the 2nd inst. Met 6 sail of Scotchmen, whom he saw into the Yarmouth Roads, and is now going to the Thames' mouth with vessels laden with merchants' goods. Has 7 days' victuals left, and when it is expended, will return to Harwich.	17
" "	Daniel Furzer, *Lidney.*	Navy Com[rs]	The work in Dean Forest is not progressing, for want of carriage for the timber; there has not been much soliciting of carriage, by reason of the taking off 1*s.* in the ton in carriage, which will be considerable in such a quantity of timber as is to come out of the Forest, and this, with other reasons, has obstructed the work. Asks what they expect in the transportation of timber this summer, and whether a freight of it will be useful at Bristol; not much can be expected out of the Forest until July, as the carriers will not have sown all their barley until the middle of May.	18
" "	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	—	Account of 3 of the State's ships in rigging wages, with the number of men borne on each -	19
" "	Wm. Smith, *Woolwich Rope Yard.*	—	Account of hemp, cordage, yarn, tar, lines, &c., in the stores - - - - -	20

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April 5	Jno. Burton - -	Adm. Com.	Asks the purser's place in the Wolf, refused by Mr. Knowles. Hopes they will consider the long time he waited upon the Rosebush, as also his certificate of former service for 10 years, and 5 years before as a common seaman. Was at the taking of the Wolf, and fought for her, and had a letter of Capt. Hatsell about it.	21
„ „	Thos. Rea, *St. Nicholas' island.*	„	Sends an account of powder remaining in the stores in the Fort and Island of Plymouth. Will issue what they order to Capt. Hatsell for supply of the fleet; since 8 Feb. 1655–6, has delivered 438 barrels on his orders. Hopes they will be as sparing as they can in sending prisoners to Plymouth, as there are only the soldiers' quarters to keep them in.	22
„ 6	Capt. Robt. Duck, *Hunter, Yarmouth Roads.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends 2 muster books. The Vice-Admiral took as many of his men as he wanted, and Sir Richard Stayner had 4 more.	23
„ „	Capt. Jno. Vasey -	„	Recommends Geo. Jaques for a gunner's place, he having so served on the Beaver under his command	24
„ „	Rear - Adm. John Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The Merlin has brought in the Nonsuch ketch, which Capt. Ford retook yesterday morning off Blackness, after 2 hours' dispute. She had in her 35 men but only 6 iron guns, for when she was taken by the enemy, and carried into Ostend, the King's officers there seized on the other 2 guns, being brass, for his service. Has sent the ketch into Dover, with order to Mr. White to cause her to be fitted; has also sent some wounded prisoners in her to be taken care of at Dover; has the remainder, 30 with the captain, on board this ship, and waits orders concerning them, the fitting the ketch, and a captain for her, Capt. Waltham not having yet come over, as also a boatswain, the former having been slain. Has ordered the Merlin to convoy the vessels bound for Seine Head, and to call at Dieppe in her return for Ralph Grey, and bring him over, with his lady, goods, and attendants.	25
„ 7	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	Sends an inventory of the furniture and effects on board the Nonsuch ketch, sent in by Rear-Adm. Bourne. She is much torn and shattered with shot, and will require her decks newly laid, a new mainmast, &c.; there are 6 shots in her hull. Desires they will bestow the command of her upon his son, who is an able seaman, has been boatswain and master's mate in the Straits, came home commander of one of the prizes taken there, and has been serving since as a master in the merchant service.	26, 27
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Fowler, Judge-Advocate of the Fleet, for his pay to the 1st instant at 8*s.* a day.	28
„ 8	Jonas Shish, *Deptford.*	„	Account of deals and masts required for the stores, as also 50 loads of fir timber. Has given notice of the loss incurred for want of a supply, and particularly of masts; 2 being wanted for the Convertine and Hampshire, has been compelled to hew away the best of the outside of the tree, which is the strength of the mast, for want of smaller.	29
„ 9	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Lord Sydenham for 100*l.*, disbursed by him when Governor of Weymouth in 1646, for shallops employed there in the service of the King and Parliament, abating his imprests, as ordered by the Lord Protector and Council 18 Jan. 1658–9.	30

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April 9	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Repair and tallowing of ships - - - - - - - - - -	31
„ „	Capt. John Woolters, *Nonsuch, Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Having received order for docking the frigate, and not knowing how his men may be disposed of, states that while they were lying off the Western islands, they went on short allowance, so that there are 14 days' whole allowance due to each; hopes if they are discharged, care may be taken for their satisfaction.	32
„ 11	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Will send up the prisoners he has on board by the Dogger, as no man-of-war of his squadron has lately arrived, except the Hawk ketch, which he sent to Dover to be cleaned and victualled, so as to accompany the Lizard in securing the mackerel fishery. The Richard has only 14 days' provisions left; Mr. White waits their commands concerning the Nonsuch ketch.	33
„ „	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Bramble,* Capt. Thos. Lardge, *Lark, Weymouth Road.*	„	Have been cruising as far west as Dartmouth, and brought all vessels ready and bound for St. Malo to the Weymouth Roads, where there are several others bound thither; will convoy them over the first opportunity.	34
„ „	Jo. Jennings, *Dockyard, Portsmouth.*	„	Upon the coming home of Capt. Coppin and his squadron, Capt. Motham made a complaint that his boatswain had on 3 occasions sold his stores out of the gunroom, to the value of 40*l.*, and that he had those on board who were instrumental in carrying them away. Since then, finds there are great differences between the captain and boatswain, each accusing the other of what, if proved, will be enough to acquit them of their employments.	35
„ „	Capt. Thos. Penrose, the *Maidstone, Chatham.*	„	Has come up to refit as ordered, and Commissioner Pett has promised a quick dispatch. Thanks for the leave of absence granted.	36
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	Desires payment of his bill of 96*l.* for his salary, which has been before them so long and so often that he is ashamed to again press for it to buy victuals for his family.	37
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, Phineas Pett, Robt. Cruse, *Chatham.*	„	Have made a survey of the defects of the Sovereign, and send particulars. The workmanship and materials required will amount to 1,300*l.*	38
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Cleaning and tallowing of ships. No order has yet come for victualling any of Capt. Coppin's squadron, and as the ships are ready, will send them to Spithead, unless otherwise ordered. There is a small vessel laden with merchants' goods bound for Holland, the master of which desires the Wakefield may convoy him to the Downs.	39
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	Has sent the 4 wounded seamen named to Ostend in the packet boat, on their parole, they having promised to procure the freedom of 4 of the like quality. If he had received an order to refit the ship, she might have been ready for service in as little time as she might be got to London, and with as little charge; if he might be permitted, with approbation of the Rear-Admiral, to put in a commander, could have her victualled, fitted, and manned in four days.	40

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April 12	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Sent their letter on board the Maidstone, which has since sailed out of the Rolling Grounds; returns her victualling order, she having gone for Chatham. The Hunter has come in, and her provisions are expected to-day.	41
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com^rs	Desires the cables and cordage may be hastened down for supply of the stores. There are 3 or 4 cables and some other cordage with Widow Park of Ipswich, at 44*s.* a cwt. ready money; will contract for them if ordered. When the fleet was on the coast, the boats belonging to the Naseby, London, and Rainbow, were left with him; as they are of little use, asks what to do with them. The leak in the Concord increases daily.	42
,, ,,	Capt. Jonas Poole, *Leopard, Elsinore Road.*	,,	Sends a list of men impressed for the Leopard, most of whom are shipped; also his bill of charges, which amounts to more than he expected, as many other ships were pressing at the same time; desires they will grant his wife an order for payment.	43
,, 13	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - - -	44
,, ,,	Capt. Sam. Sharland, *Fox, Lundy Island.*	,,	Put the Earl of Barrimore on shore at Youghall from Milford, and after touching at Kinsale, received letters from some merchants and masters at Cork and Youghall, to convoy some of their goods as far as Lundy; agreed to do this, first seeing those of Cork to Youghall, so that they might be all together. Putting from thence to sea, sprung his mainmast, and was forced into Kinsale to fish it, and to victual; then returned to Youghall, where he received a letter from Lady Broghill, with an order from the Lord Lieutenant for her transportation in any of the State's ships to Minehead; but as she could not be ready in 8 days, set sail with 12 vessels laden with corn for Bristol and Minehead, and having seen them as far as Lundy, hopes to get back ere Lady Broghill is ready.	45
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Wright, *Fame, Yarmouth Roads.*	,,	Received order from Wm. Burton to convoy vessels to Hull, and on his arrival there, was desired by the Governor to take charge of 12 vessels for Holland, 7 for London, and one for Dunkirk, and has now arrived with them in the Roads. Asks where to revictual.	46
,, 14	Capt. Hen. Land, *Burlington Bay.*	,,	Has been with Capt. Rowland Bevans of the Convert in the North Seas with the fishers, but meeting with a storm, had to make for Burlington Bay; his victuals, which should have lasted until the 27th instant, being 10 days' short, will have to go on half allowance; will sail for Leith to revictual and receive instructions. The fishers have only made half their voyage, and some of them went home 15 days since, without giving any notice.	47
,, ,,	Capt. Mich. Nutton, the *Norwich, Hope.*	,,	Has arrived with a convoy of ships, by order of Gen. Monk, and being ill, has sent his son-in-law, who is master's mate, to know where he is to go to clean; the frigate has been off the ground 7½ months, and the victuals will be expended on Thursday.	48

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April 14	Capt. Godfrey Reader late captain of the *Eagle.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Victualling Commissioners to make him an allowance for the keep of 425 supernumeraries for one day, on board the Eagle, by an order of Gen. Montague, and Vice-Adm. Lawson; with order therefor from Capt. Roger Cuttance of the Naseby.	49, 50
„ „	Capt. J. Whitstone -	„	Desires they will expedite the trial he so earnestly desires; might instance their engaged words, but rather depends upon justice for commiseration and consideration of his present condition.	51
„ 15	Wm. Kiffin - -	Lieut.-Col. Thomson, Major Bourne.	Begs favour for John Harvie, a God-fearing man, who endeavoured to honestly discharge his duties, and is now perfecting his accounts with them. Knows they will do things right to all men, without respect of persons, yet there may be reason to give more credit to one than another. As Harvie is poor, and hardly able to provide bread for his family, and had little advantage by his late service, if his wages should be detained, they must be supplied by the congregation whereof he is a member, for his present necessities.	52
„ „	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Sent their instructions for Capt. Higginson of the Selby to Lee Road, but he had sailed. Particulars of ships.	53
„ „	Rich. Vinson, *Plymouth.*	„	Capt. Hatsell is so straitened that he cannot find the money for maintenance of the prisoners at Plymouth beyond this week; 67*l.* more will be required to-morrow, and while Hatsell is away, the marshal will apply to him. Asks how he is to be supplied, or fears the marshal will be necessitated to set them free. If they would appoint a person fit to distinguish boys, old, maimed, and other infirm persons, from the rest, and give order that all such be turned out, and no more of the like hereafter received into the prison, the charge would be much less, and the enemy not so much served as they now are.	54
„ 16	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order for the speedy refitting of the Maidstone at Chatham - - - - -	55
„ „	Andrew Dennis, purser, *Briar, Yarmouth Roads.*	„	Having but 17 days' provisions left, desires order where to recruit - - - -	56
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	57
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Received and delivered their warrant for victualling, and the orders for the prisoners. The master of the Langport is at London, and the lieutenant intends going up on Monday. Docking and cleaning of ships.	58
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	Has delivered up the Nonsuch ketch with the furniture and stores to the boatswain, and wrote Rear-Adm. Bourne to send men to carry her up to Deptford; the Hawk ketch is refitted and tallowed. Hearing that Capt. Waltham was very ill at Ostend, and not likely to live, wrote as he did; if he is restored, hopes he will again enjoy his ketch, but if not, then again intreats their favor. Having 764*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* due on one account, and 800*l.* 12*s.* on another, hopes they will order him money; is so much straitened, having to pay the poor men their wages, that he is forced to take up money of the shopkeepers to carry on the work.	59

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1658–9.				Vol. 211.
April 18	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Lynn Deeps.*	Adm. Com.	The ketch is foul, and the victuals expended within 13 days', but intends sailing with some vessels of Lynn who desire convoy to the Yarmouth Roads.	60
„ „	Jno. Barnard, purser of the *Langport.*	„	Petition for an order to be allowed, on the passing of his accounts in the Victualling Office, for provisions supplied to 3 Hollanders by order of Capt. Coppin, Commander-in-Chief, Mr. Lewis of that office having stated they would not be allowed for there. With certificate of Capt. Jno. Coppin that there were no provisions supplied to those ships who were taken as advisers until what they had were expended.	61
„ „	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	„	On the arrival of the Wakefield, will prosecute their commands concerning the prisoners on board. The Drake and Nightingale have come in from their station for water; their arrival was very opportune, as that night a messenger came from his Highness and Council, bound to the Hague, with whom he sent the Nightingale, and the next day another messenger bound for Dieppe, for whom he appointed the Drake, there being no other men-of-war of the Downs squadron. The Merlin and Lily have returned, the former with one of the enemy's sloops, which she had taken but she had nothing in her, only 2 small guns; has ordered them to the Merlin. On request of her captain, will put some men on board the prize, and detain her in the Downs, where she may do some service, unless ordered to the contrary, the Ostenders who were on board having all escaped to shore on the coast of France. Having received a complaint from Rye and Hastings of the want of a convoy, sent the Merlin to ply with the fishery thereabouts, until the arrival of the Lizard, which came in yesterday, and has since sailed to her station; sent the Hawk ketch to sail with Capt. Ducy, and on their arrival, the Merlin is to return to the Downs, with 50 sail of fishermen, from Brighthelmstone, bound to the North Foreland, and also with some vessels from Rye to the Downs; hopes to furnish the rest of the fishermen at Brighthelmstone, and 20 sail more from adjacent places, with another convoy. Has sent the Selby to secure some vessels bound for Dunkirk, as also to transport a surgeon going there with some medicines for Lord Lockhart. The Lily has just gone with a convoy for Dieppe.	62
„ 18	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Repairs of ships - - - - - - - - - - - -	63
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	Has delivered the Nonsuch ketch to the boatswain, and she being supplied with men by the Rear-Admiral, has set sail. The Lizard and Hawk ketch are in the Road, and bound to Rye to convoy the fishermen; the Lily is bound over with some gentlemen for Dieppe.	64
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	In common with Commrs. Willoughby and Pett, recommend Edw. Homewood for the lieutenant's place in the Langport.	65
„ „	„ „	„	There is a quantity of round shot offered for sale by Abr. Freeston of London, at 10*l.* per ton, and as it is very useful, recommend it as a good pennyworth.	66
„ 19	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 3,000*l.* a week for 4 weeks, from 18 Feb. to 18 Mar. 1658–9, on the new declaration.	67

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1659. April 19	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Fras. Hacker, for the use of Capt. Hen. Hatsell, for 411*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.* disbursed by him for maintenance of prisoners of war at Plymouth.	Vol. 211. 68
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Bristol at Woolwich -	69
" "	Rear - Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Fras. Sutterly, boatswain of the *Nonsuch.*	Warrant to carry her up to Deptford, and then wait on the Admiralty Commissioners for further orders.	70
" 20	" "	Adm. Com.	The Selby having returned from Dunkirk, has sent her to convoy several vessels richly laden and bound westward, as far as Plymouth. Yesterday the Swallow came over with a messenger from his Highness's resident at the Hague, and the Wakefield with the prisoners from Portsmouth; has ordered the Swallow to carry them up into the river, and sent Capt. Poyntz with several vessels to Dieppe, where he is to wait 2 or 3 days for Lord Lockhart from Paris, and transport him to Dunkirk. There is only the Richard now in the Downs, and as her victuals have not yet arrived, has sent to Dover for a week's supply.	71
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell, Admiralty messenger, for 53*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*, and to Thos. Davies, Admiralty messenger, for 5*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*, disbursed by them in service of the Navy.	72
" "	Wm. Burton, junr., *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Capt. Duck of the Hunter being ill on board in the Yarmouth Roads, desires that his gunner, Ant. Snowden, of good repute and an able seaman, may have the command until he recovers. As there are several vessels there laden with wine, fish, &c., bound for Colchester and France, suggests that order be given to Snowden to convoy the vessels bound for France to the Downs, and in his way, to see the vessel bound for Colchester to her port, and then return to the Roads. There is a great fleet of Hull, Newcastle, and Yarmouth men, bound for the Maas and Flushing, who have waited for a convoy since the Fame went northward; as the Mary prize is appointed to her station, they desire she may be hastened down.	73
" 21	Wm. Badiley, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Formerly requested leave to order a swivel to be made for the ships to ride by, which was granted; finding after a year's experience that it preserves the cables from beating against the ground, clears the hawsers, keeps the ships from being girt in their cables, and is very good for ships bound up or down, desires their warrant to have another made. Also that they will consider of the piece of ground promised for spreading and repairing sails.	74
" "	Jonas Shish, *Deptford.*	"	Will finish the works on the Grantham this week, and desires directions as to her sheathing and launching, as also for docking the Hampshire, as the gates being opened, and a great deal of work to be done to her, there will be more than a 3rd penny saved in the workmanship.	75

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1659.				Vol. 211.
April 21	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Hen. Hatsell for 202*l.* 10*s.* for pay of himself and clerk for ¾ of a year, 4 July 1658 to 4 April 1659, as agent for Naval Affairs at Plymouth.	76
" "	" - -	"	Like order for 30*l.* for Rich. Vinson, employed by Hatsell for ¾ of a year, while acting as storekeeper at Plymouth, and assisting in the issuing provisions to such ships as came in to be refitted and victualled.	77
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Rear-Admiral Jno. Bourne for his pay for the time he served on board the Swiftsure, at 30*s.* a day.	78
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy cleaning and refitting of the Swallow in the river - - - -	79
" 22	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival and departure of ships. Has appointed Capt. Bowry of the Drake at Dover to transport the body of Lord Percy, lately deceased in France, with some other gentlemen belonging to the Earl of Northumberland, according to an order from his Highness, inclosed in a letter from Lord Broghill, and that done, to return to Dover to clean and revictual.	80
" "	Andrew Dennis, *Briar, Yarmouth Roads.*	"	Has just arrived with 5 ships from Hull, 2 being bound for Holland, and the other 3 for London, and there is also a fleet of ships bound for Holland which he is ordered to convoy over, and then to return to the Roads. Asks where to revictual.	81
" "	Capt. Anth. Rively, *Briar, Yarmouth.*	"	Has come in with a fleet of Hull men bound for London with lead, and having but a few days' provisions left, desires order where to revictual.	82
" "	Capt. N. Heaton, *Plymouth.*	"	Has received their letter with the examination concerning Capt. Foot, and will attend to the business as soon as he comes in, which may be in 20 days, but the Mermaid has 26 days' provisions, and is plying in the Channel. Thanks for past and present favours; his relations bless them for the mercy by which they have been kept from being widowed and fatherless.	83
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Plymouth.*	"	Chased a man-of-war of 12 guns to the westward of Scilly the whole of the day, but lost her at night; the next day, chased another of 18 or 20 guns, and lost her also at night; had his frigate been clean, might have taken either of them. Being also leaky and out of provisions, has come in by order of Capt. Heaton to repair, clean, and victual.	84
" 23	Hen. Battson -	Major Neh. Bourne.	Thanks for his care of him ever since he wrought for the State; asks what to do with his bills, which are signed by the proper officer, and amount to 60*l.*, as being in debt, he does not know how long he may be out of prison. To do work for the State, was forced to sell a house which brought him in 5*l.* a year, and has not only run through that, but is 40*l.* in debt, so that his condition is very sad. There is now a house to be built in the State's Yard, but he is not able to go forward with the work unless supplied, as he has neither stock nor credit.	85
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	Received an order for delivery of the Nonsuch ketch with her furniture to the boatswain in charge, that she might be brought up the river, as also to take his receipt and send it, that he might be charged therewith, sends it accordingly.	86
" 24	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Kinsale.*	Adm. Com.	While on the Irish coast, took a galliot of 2 guns and 35 men, and not having a wind to sail for Dublin, came into Kinsale, and has delivered the prisoners to the Governor, to be sent to Cork prison; is now bound for Dublin.	87

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1659.				Vol. 211.
April 25	Capt. Rowl. Bevans, *Convert, North Seas.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying in the North Seas with the Weymouth pink, but a fortnight since, was separated through a great storm; supposes the pink went into Leith to revictual. The fleet of fishers lies scattered, it being their custom when they do not hear of any of the enemies' men-of-war, and none have been heard of except 2 of the Swedes, who have taken some Holland fishers. Some of the fishers, having made their voyage, are going home, and the fishery will not continue above 3 weeks, when he will return to Yarmouth for orders as to victualling, &c.	88
„ „	Capt. Thos. Bowry, *Roe ketch, Lynn Deeps.*	„	Again reminds them that the ketch is very foul and the victuals expended to 6 days, and desires orders.	89
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	„	The Merlin is tallowed and refitted, and when victualled, will be ready to sail. There are 50 mackerel boats in the harbour, ready to go out with her the first tide. There is also the Cheriton to be refitted, and the Lily has come in, who is going with a convoy for Dunkirk, but the wind is contrary. Intreats they will order payment of the arrears due to him last Christmas, amounting to 764*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.*, as there is 800*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* also due to him on the account assigned by the Commissioners 25 March last, besides what has been expended since. Is much straitened for money, and forced to provide the wages for the poor workmen, or no work would be done.	90
„ 26	Adm. Com. - -	Captain Woolters of the *Nonsuch.*	Warrant to turn over all the mariners belonging to the Nonsuch into the Langport and Portland, and to discharge all the inferior officers, giving them all tickets for the time they have been entered on board.	91
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Browne of Pembroke for moneys disbursed in supplying necessaries for the Paradox, according to accounts sent.	92
„ „	„ - -	„	Whereas Josiah Child of Portsmouth last November delivered to Capt. Newbery of the Portland 3,000 Portugal crowns by their order, being part of a greater quantity left in his hands by Capt. Eustace Smith, which 3,000 crowns were paid to Capt. Coppin for providing beverage for the squadron under his command, and Capt. Coppin having produced a receipt for 878 crowns which he paid to Jno. Bernard, his purser, to buy provisions, leaving 2,122 crowns remaining on board the Langport,—order for directions to the Treasurer to receive the 2,122 crowns from Capt. Coppin, and to charge himself therewith, and take care that Capts. Newbery and Coppin are discharged of the 3,000 and 878 crowns so disbursed, and they placed to the account of the purser, and notice thereof given to the Victualling Commissioners.	93
„ „	Capt. Jno. King, *John ketch,* the *Swinn.*	Adm. Com^rs	Is daily ranging on his station, and chased two of the enemies' men-of-war that had taken 4 small vessels, 3 of which were of great concernment; rescued them, and a fresh gale springing up, was forced to cut away his boat, shift for himself, and keep to windward, to give intelligence to any vessels that came down the Swinn; sent those rescued for Harwich. Being alone, could do no more.	94
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^rs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	95

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1659.				Vol. 211.
April 26	Edw. Peade, Perient Trott.	Adm. Com.	Ask convoy for the Summer Island Merchant, which has put into Kinsale from Bermuda by contrary winds, as the interest and subsistence of the inhabitants of that place is concerned in this hazard.	96
„ „	Wm. Wilson, *Dorchester Gaol.*	„	The last usual time for the assizes being neglected, the prison has been and is yet very full, so that sickness much increases, and it is to be feared that mortality will follow. Seeing rooms are so much wanted, is constrained to confine all the 20 Ostenders committed by Capt. Lambert Cornelius into one small room, whereby sickness increases so fast that 7 of them have been taken ill in 4 days; therefore desires a speedy order either for their removal to some other prison, or their sending away for exchanges.	97
„ 27	Major N. Bourne, Jonas Shish, and 11 others.	—	Recommend Wm. Heane of Stepney, co. Middlesex, shipwright, for the place of master carpenter in any of the State's ships.	98
„ „	Capt. Sam. Sharland, *Fox, Milford.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station, and convoyed 12 vessels with corn from Youghall as far as Lundy; brought over Lady Broghill with her children and goods to Minehead, and then came to Milford, where Sir Hugh Owen sent their order to convoy 8 sail to Torbay. While at sea, sprung his mainmast, but it is now fished, and likely to hold; desires a survey may be made of it at Plymouth. Wants a new set of colours, having supplied Capt. Cowes with one.	99
„ 28	Adm. Com. - - -	Navy Com^rs	They are to bring the Yarmouth and Providence out of the dock, and carry in the Bristol that she may be repaired.	100
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the repair of the Nonsuch ketch lately retaken from the enemy in the Thames -	101
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for a bill for 300*l.* to Rob. Turpin, for sick and wounded seamen - - -	102
„ „	Rear - Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Will get a 5th and two 6th-rate frigates ready to attend directions as soon as any come into the Downs, but there is no hope of any so long as the easterly winds continue. The Cherington is at Dover, ready to transport Lord Bruce from Dieppe, and the Merlin is fitting out there, to convoy the fishery off the North Foreland, being nearly 80 sail, who much importune for a convoy.	103
„ „	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	„	The Maria has come in very leaky, by coming aground on a sand near Yarmouth Roads; as it is blowing hard, cannot as yet get out her guns, but will haul her on shore and repair her defects.	104
„ „	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Maria, Harwich.*	„	Plying northward with some North Sea vessels going out, a man, mistaking his lead and overheaving, drove him on the sand, where he lay until low water, when he got off; being leaky, has come in to search and stop the leak, and will then proceed to the Humber.	105
„ „	Wm. Hayward -	Navy Com^rs	Asks a bill of imprest for 500*l.* towards payment of timber bought of Mr. Lodington, Squire Maxsey, and others.	106
„ „	Rich. Lucy - -	Major Bourne.	Recommends Wm. Clements, who has served in the State's ships for some years, and behaved faithfully and valiantly, for the accomplishment of his reasonable demands.	107

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1659. April 28	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Portland is hauled off the ground, and may go to Spithead on Monday, and the Andrew is docked and the gates shut; it is a pity the dock had not been 50 feet longer and 4 feet broader, as then it would have received any ordinary 2nd rate and 3rd rate, or two 3rd rate frigates, but now has not breadth for such ships as the Dunbar and London. Particulars of other ships. Has conferred with Capt. Tippetts concerning the charge against the officers of the Nonsuch, and asks what the boatswain and carpenter are charged with, and the persons that witnessed the same, as they will justify themselves if no witnesses appear.	Vol. 211. 108
„ „	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Rob. Blackborne.	Is refitting the Bradford, as the captain states she has been cleaned and tallowed, and if she had been victualled, she might have stayed out 2 or 3 months longer. Particulars of ships. Sent an account of his wants, but nothing has been supplied except what he has passed his word or paid ready money for.	109
„ 29	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Greenwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	Has received an order for his appearance at the Navy Office about his late servant, Robt. Mawgredge, but has not been out of doors for a fortnight through sickness, and is still under the doctor's hands; will attend them as soon as he can.	110
„ 30	Barth. Clarke - -	Col. Clerke and the Adm. Com.	Desires they will take notice of his long stay and attendance about the charge against the commander of the Foresight, which cannot be done without expense; and that they will let him be heard, or leave their positive answer to the contrary.	111
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Major-Gen. Kelsey.	Thanks for all favors; acknowledges that by Kelsey's mediation he has been enabled to manage the business of refitting the navy at Dover, where it is done cheaper and speedier than at any other port, but is now in great want of money. Has spent and engaged himself as far as he can possibly go, and men come to him with tears in their eyes for what is due to them. Sheds tears himself in secret, when he considers how he has expended his own estate and engaged himself for the public service, and therefore begs an order for some money.	112
April.	Jno. Croscombe, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has been master of the Portland under Capt. Rich. Newbery and was formerly master of the George under Gen. Blake; asks to be master in the Langport, or lieutenant or master in any other ship.	113
„	Capt. Hen. Hatsell -	Navy Com^rs^	Towards the present account of 5,594*l.* 5*s.*, charged 2,843*l.* 8*s.* in 2 bills of exchange on the Treasurer last December, so that there is 2,750*l.* 17*s.* due, for which he has charged a bill this day, and desires it may have dispatch.	114
„	Robt. Blake - -	Adm. Com.	Petition to be purser of the Paul, on which he has been clerk of the check and steward since 14 June 1653; also served in other ships in the Dutch War. With certificate by Thos. Wilson, 8 April 1659, that he has passed his accounts from June 1655 to July 1658.	115, 116

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1659.				Vo. 212.
May 3	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Rob. Aldworth for 750*l.*, for value received by Capt. Stoakes in provisions at Toulon for the fleet under his command, charging it as an imprest on his account.	1
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Is in hand with the works of the Bristol; wants 8 or 10 loads of 2 and 3 inch plank, having none in the stores.	2
„ 4	Saml. Higginson, the *Selby.*	—	Certificate that the bearer, Wm. Dicker, with the rest of his men, came on board out of a small vessel 5 miles eastward of Weymouth, and stated that such vessel was an Ostend prize; that the Ostenders, upon taking Dicker's vessel, put him and his men upon her to return home; and that he, Higginson, put them on shore to travel home.	3
„ 5	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell, messenger, for 48*l.* 16*s.* disbursed for the navy - -	4
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for 20*l.* for his pains in journeys for the service - - - - - -	5
„ „	„ - -	„	Are troubled that they have not passed Mr. Cullen's bill for business done for the service, and wish it done at once.	6
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Sends an account of stores required, and is glad they are mindful of a supply. Is in hand with the refitting of the Sovereign, George, and Unicorn, and asks if the Sovereign is to be graved, it having been formerly stopped for want of money. Mr. Gunton, the cooper, having lately died, and his widow having much money due to her from the State, asks the employment for her until she can get the money.	7
„ 6	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham Dock.*	„	Sends an account of cables, hawsers, hemp, yarn, and tar, in the stores; wants tar, there being several ships to be fitted out.	8
„ 7	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	The Concord is so leaky that they dare not keep her afloat, but one must be sent in her room. Masts are much needed. Two ships have come to be refitted.	9
„ 9	Rear - Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sent the Guinea to convoy some horses from Dover to Dunkirk, the Cheriton to convoy a New England and other ships bound westward as far as Plymouth, the Merlin with some for Dieppe, the Swallow and Drake with the fishery off the Foreland, and to transport a messenger with a packet to Dunkirk, the Wakefield with 3 young gentlemen from Dover to Dieppe, and the Lily to Dover Road to fetch in a Swedish man-of-war and her prize, by virtue of a complaint from one of the Dutch ambassador's attendants that the man-of-war is manned with Englishmen; shall detain them until further order, which will guide him in like cases hereafter.	10
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	When the great ships went out, they took away 6 great long boats; sent a man after them, but finds they have been carried to Harwich and Hoseley Bay; desires a hoy may be sent after them, and some sent into the Downs; they cost a large sum, and others will have to be built if they are not returned. Payne, who supplied the stores with shovels, being dead, Hum. Bray, smith, desires to serve, and his work is good.	11
„ 13	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Repairs of ships. Will discharge most of the workmen suddenly, unless there be an order for girdling the Sovereign.	12

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1659.				Vol. 212.
May 14	Jos. Child, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Yesterday 400 Spanish soldiers, bound for Ostend and taken by the Cheriton, were brought on shore. Had orders from the Admiralty Commissioners to allow 4*d.* each man per day, but considering the charge will soon be very great, only allows them two pennyworth of coarse bread each until further order.	13
„ 17	St. J. Steventon, *Portsmouth.*	Thos. Turner, clerk to the Navy Com^rs^	Sends an account of 9 vessels under repair at Portsmouth, also a bill for 189*l.* 1*s.* 9½*d.* for 11 bales of west country canvas, being 2,388½ yards at 19*d.* a yard, delivered into the stores by Capt. Geo. Pley. As one of the bales is coarser than the others, and does not answer the pattern or contract, has not entered it until further order. Mr. Dymock being in London, asks him to get his hand to the bill.	14, 15
„ „	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Sent a demand for stores for fitting out ships, and has expected a supply; has no tar for the ropemakers or anything else, and there is none to be had but for ready money, beyond 7 barrels borrowed to complete the Andrew's sheathing, which must be paid in kind. Greatly wants ironwork, as bolts, plates, &c. Mr. Timbrell has sent word that he has done what he could, and that money failing, and also his credit with the ironmasters and workmen, he was forced to put off all his men except for one fire, and that if some speedy course is not taken for supplying him with money, he would have to give over all. Begs they will consider the necessities of the poor workmen in the yard.	16
„ 21	„ „	„	Finding the President is much decayed, and deserves to be little less than rebuilt, asks whether to take her into the dry dock, and perform the needful, or patch her up for the present.	17
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Received theirs of the 18th inst. and will follow the contents, though doubts opposition. The President has come in to be refitted, by order of the Admiralty Commissioners and Capt. Heaton; the captain and officers pretending she is very defective, and requires docking, has ordered the shipwright to make a survey.	18
„ „	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Great President, Portsmouth.*	„	Has come in to refit, being much shattered, some beams broken, the ironwork in the hold decayed, and the deck and upper works much out of repair; the officers at Portsmouth judge she must come into the dock.	19
„ 24	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	„	Sends the muster book of the Briar. Will collect all the boats at Harwich, Hoseley Bay, and on the coast, and has arranged with the commander of the Hunter to bring them up.	20
„ 25	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Having nearly finished the works on the Bristol, asks whether to launch her, or set her masts and rig her while in dock.	21
„ 26	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	„	Will dispatch the President, but something more than ordinary must be performed for strengthening her. Understands the stores demanded have been shipped from Deptford; if not, desires they may be hastened down, as also a supply of timber and plank.	22
„ 27	Jno. Davies - -	—	Account of 202 dozen of sail needles sent to the stores at Chatham and Harwich. His last bill for needles supplied was dated 31 Dec. 1657.	23

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1569.				Vol. 212.
May 28	Rich. Hutchinson -	—	Estimate of the debts of the navy to May 28, 1659, on bills signed, contracts, wages, and for sick and wounded, 692,640*l.*; also of the charge of 16,800 men to 1 Dec. 1659, the charge of the ordinary yards, and for sick and wounded, 607,645*l.*; total 1,300,285*l.*, with particulars when certain proportions will be wanted.	24
„ „	Jo. Jennings, *Portsmouth.*	Fras. Willoughby.	Has balanced the account of Edw. Brooks, boatswain of the Nonsuch, and given him credit for a few particulars missing, as he has been very honest in former voyages.	25
„ 30	Major N. Bourne -	Navy Com^rs^	Was sending them a letter from his brother, but on receipt of theirs, writes himself, and desires their concurrence; is confined at home ill.	26
„ „	Rich. Wright, Gaoler and Marshal, *Great Yarmouth.*	—	List of 29 Ostend prisoners of war received by him, with particulars of 6 set at liberty, and note that Ant. Erboe, captain, and Pet. Bavart were set free 25 June 1659; also list of 27 men belonging to the George of Ostend, taken by Capt. Rively of the Briar, being some of the above.	27, 28
„ 31	Ordnance officers -	Sir Hen. Vane.	The gunner of the President at Portsmouth having demanded additional stores, as she is soon to put to sea again, and there being no Admiralty Commissioners sitting to whom they might apply, ask his pleasure touching that ship and any other that may put in on the like occasion.	29
May.	——	—	Abstract of letters sent to the Admiralty Commissioners during the month of May 1659, as already calendared.	30
„	——	—	Note that Capt. Jno. Pitchford and Lieut. Whitington were formerly officers in Major Christopher Bethel's troop.	31
„	Jno. Greene - -	Navy Com^rs^	Lists of the State's ships in rigging wages at Deptford, with the number of men borne on each, 16, 23, and 30 May.	32–34
„	Margaret Browne, widow.	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of 1,200*l.*, or part thereof, due to her and her late husband for lead and workmanship supplied to the navy. Has been forced to borrow several sums to carry on the work and to maintain her family, which have now to be repaid, but is unable to do it without their assistance.	35
June 1	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs^	The Convert has come in to clean and victual. Capt. Parker, of the Charrington, has arrived from the Downs to wait for a packet, but having lett 20 sick men behind, and 30 more having fallen sick since, the Rear-Admiral promised to send another frigate after him, so that there will be one ready if the packet should arrive before the Convert is victualled.	36
„ „	Phil. Deane, *Whitehall.*	„	The order of Council was for 2,000 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$-inch plank, and was directed to them because it was supposed they might have old plank fit for the service, it being simply for platforms. If they furnish either 3 or 2-inch plank, it may serve; but if thought necessary, will again move Council therein.	37
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	„ and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to Capt. Jon. Waltham, late commander of the Nonsuch ketch, to the time of his enlargement out of Ostend Prison.	38

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1659. June 2	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to imprest to John Bressie 3,000*l.* for present relief of the sick and maimed soldiers, widows, and orphans, of Ely House and the Savoy.	Vol. 212. 38*a*
" "	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	Received a warrant for speedy dispatch of the James for sea service, but not one man has appeared to be entered upon her, and she is being rigged by 20 men on board wages. Also received a warrant to allow the boatswain of the galley victuals and wages for himself and servant, as is usual in a vessel of her rank, but does not know of what rate she is.	39
" "	Ordnance officers -	Navy Com^rs	Desire order to the storekeeper at Deptford to deliver 1,000 feet of 3-inch plank, as there is not enough of 2½-inch, as also the 100 joyces of 5 and 6-inch square, mentioned in a warrant from the Council of State, and if the latter cannot be spared, an order for the same to be delivered from Woolwich.	40
" 3	" "	"	Sent to Mr. Davies, but he being absent, Mr. Shish immediately put the sawyers at work on the joyces. As he states that there is not above 80 feet of plank in the yard, and as the hoys are now in the river waiting for some, desire they will quicken their officers therein, as Council is hourly pressing for dispatch, and all the Ordnance stores will sail to-morrow.	41
" "	Jno. Davies - -	Navy Purveyors.	Account of plank and of timber required to make joyces for the stores at Deptford - -	42
" 4	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to prepare an account of what naval provisions of all sorts now remain in the stores at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Portsmouth, Harwich, and Plymouth, and send it in on Tuesday morning.	43
" "	Capt. Jer. Country, *Greyhound, Spithead.*	"	Has convoyed several vessels to the Isle of Wight, and one with provisions to Spithead; is much out of repair and the victuals expended; desires order.	44
" "	Edw. Hickenbotham	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the clerks of the Navy Office to search the books, and in case he stands clear, to grant him another ticket, according to a copy enclosed, the original having been transmitted to the Navy Office while he was serving as an able seaman on board the Marston Moor at Jamaica, and payment delayed until he attended personally, since which it has been lost. With certificate on his behalf by John Gosling, purser.	45, 46
" "	Thos. Arkenstall, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	The beer for the James has arrived, and part of it is taken in, but there are no officers or seamen come down to look after it.	47
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	"	Asks for a pinnace lying at Deptford for the use of the James, otherwise one must be built. The beer has arrived, but no officers or seamen to look after the stowing of it or to mount the guns; if haste be needful, seamen should be sent to rig her and do the other work.	48
" 7	Wm. Acworth, Wm. Smith, *Woolwich.*	—	Account of the remains of provisions in the stores, as also in the Rope Yard at Woolwich -	49

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1659.				Vol. 212.
June 7	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	The galley built by him has been finished some time, and as she will take hurt standing so long out of water, desires order for her launching. There is now very little work for the men in the yard, 4 or 5 of whom are very ancient navy servants, and being old and decayed, can do little service, but they seem to claim privilege, and think they ought to be kept in during life; has told them it lies with the Navy Commissioners to give orders therein. The times are very hard, and if they are turned off, they will not know what to do. If they could not be allowed whole wages, yet if they were allowed 1*s.* a day it may satisfy them. There are only 2 who at present complain, and many appear for them.	50
" "	Rich. Vinson, *Plymouth.*	—	Account of the remains of provisions in the Stores at Plymouth - - - - - -	51
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to hire and send to the ships before Ostend a ketch to attend upon them with water, Rear-Adm. Bourne having stated that there is great want of one.	52
" "	" - -	"	Order for the speedy refitting and cleaning of the Norwich, now in the river - - -	53
" "	" - -	" and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the wages due to the officers and company of the Norwich, reserving 3 months of their pay in hand, as accustomed.	54
" "	" - -	"	Like order for payment of the Great President - - - - - - - -	55
" 8	" - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for providing and sending away with the victuals for the fleet a magazine medicine chest, composed chiefly of physical things, and of little or nothing for surgery, for the sick men of the fleet, General Montague having certified that there is a great want of physic in the fleet in the Sound under his command. With letter of Edw. Lord Montague to that effect, Naseby, abreast the Coll, 25 May 1659.	56, 57
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out bills of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen, cashier to the Victualling Office, for 3,000*l.* for carrying on the victualling affairs, on order from Majors Thomson and Bourne and Comr. Willoughby.	58
" 9	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell, messenger, for 20*l.*, to be disbursed according to orders from the Admiralty Commissioners.	59
" "	" - -	"	Like order for 150*l.* to Rich. Gerrard, deputy Marshal-General of the Army, towards maintenance of prisoners of war.	60
" "	" - -	"	Like order for 1,250*l.* to Chas. Longland, for the value of 5,000 pieces of 8 received of him by Capt. Jno. Stoakes, commander-in-chief of the fleet in the Straits, for the use of the fleet, according to bills of exchange drawn by Capt. Stoakes on the Navy Treasurer, placing the same as an imprest on Capt. Stoakes' account.	61
" "	" - -	"	Order for launching the galley lately built at Chatham - - - - - -	62
" "	Jno. Browne, *Chatham Rope Yard.*	"	Sends an account of the remains of provisions in the Rope Yard at Chatham - - -	63

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1659.				Vol. 212.
June 8	Phineas Pett, Robt. Sewell, *Chatham Dock.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends like account of the stores at Chatham - - - - - - - -	64
„ 9	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	As the Sovereign continues very leaky, and the water increased to 4 feet in 24 hours, went on board to view, and appointed several able men to search within and without board, but as they could not find the leak, had her careened 4 or 5 strakes to see if that would do, but as it is hopeless, judges it will be necessary to have her into the dock to careen and see to other defects which need repair; as the time of the year is fit for such work, desires order may be given therein.	65
„ 10	Adm. Com. - -	Majors Thomson, Bourne, and Willoughby.	Order for the speedy refitting of the Martin galley and Nonsuch ketch, to be employed as advisers to and from the fleet in the Sound, and also for furnishing them with 3 months' victuals each, or as much as they can take in, the Martin bearing 60 and the Nonsuch 40 men.	66
„ „	Jno. Browne, Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	—	Account of the remains of provisions in the stores at Harwich - - - - - -	67
„ „	Jno. Davies, *Deptford.*	—	Account of the remains of provisions in the stores at Deptford - - - - - -	68
„ „	Rich Vinson, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends copy of an account of the remains of provisions in the stores at Plymouth, having sent the original to Capt. Hatsell. They will be much reduced in supplying the Gainsborough, which is now being fitted out.	69
„ 11	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Sent 2 of the long boats left there to Chatham by Captains Duck and King. There are 2 more that were left on the coast at Southwold and Dunwich, but does not know how they will be got from thence, except the above-named captains are ordered to tow them up, which they refuse to do without orders, they being on their stations.	70
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	„	As the Commissioners of Customs manifest much discontent against him, because the bill for 213*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*, so long since disbursed by order of the Admiralty Commissioners, is not yet paid, whereby they are obstructed in perfecting their accounts for the year ending 25 March last; hopes they will consider his condition, both as to the Commissioners of Customs and how greatly he may suffer by their displeasure; also that by the disbursements he does not reap one penny profit. Having disbursed the money 3 months since, hopes they will now order payment thereof to the said Commissioners.	71
„ „	St. J. Steventon, Jno. Dymock, *Portsmouth.*	„	Send an account of the remains of provisions in the stores at Portsmouth. The Greyhound has gone into harbour on petty warrant.	72, 73

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1659. June 11	Adm. Com. - -	Majors Thomson, Bourne, and Willoughby.	Order for the speedy refitting of the Frances prize at Portsmouth, and furnishing her with 3 months' victuals for 60 men, to be employed as an adviser to and from the fleet in the Sound.	Vol. 212. 74
" 13	" - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to hire and take up a convenient ketch to attend the James in the present expedition, and to take care that she be in timely readiness.	75
" 14	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Mr. Blaydes of Hull for the money due for a cable and forestay supplied by him to the Pearl frigate.	76
" "	Capt. Jno. King, *John ketch, the Swinn.*	"	Is daily ranging in his station, and convoying vessels to places therein. While carrying a great long boat up to Chatham, one of the enemies' men-of-war came in ; after anchoring the boat, chased him for 10 or 11 hours, but it being very calm, he out-rowed him and got away.	77
" "	Rich. Watkins, *Harwich.*	Major Bourne.	Hopes he will consider his miserable condition and procure him some money. Has wrought out all his iron, coals, and credit, and his credit with the ironmonger, who threatens to arrest him daily, and he now has no iron to furnish the State, nor money to buy coals or pay the workmen, yet there are bills due for nearly 1,000*l.*	78
" 15	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	As the Sovereign is still leaky, will dock her, according to the order of the Admiralty Commissioners enclosed, and repair her defects, and as soon as she is in, will send an estimate of the charge. The James might have been ready for sailing to-morrow, but no ordnance was appointed for her until yesterday, since which 26 pieces have been taken in ; 12 are to be taken out, and the rest, being 34, are expected from London ; if they arrive by Friday, will send her away for the Hope. Desires the provisions in a demand inclosed may be sent away forthwith.	79
" "	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to make out bills to Wm. Dawbins for 80*l.* and Sir Thos. Badd for 50*l.*, for so much taken up of them by Josiah Child, mayor of Portsmouth, for the maintenance of Spanish prisoners lately brought into Portsmouth, and to charge the same as imprest on Child's account.	80
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen for 1,500*l.*, for carrying on the victualling affairs.	81
" 16	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Constant Courtney, chaplain of the Kentish frigate, for 6*l.*, to be defalked out of his wages, he being about to go to sea, and having been visited with much sickness since he came from the Assistance, is destitute of the means to provide for the present voyage.	82

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1659.				Vol. 212.
June 16	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends the number of men mustered and absent on board the Kent, Hampshire, and Merlin, the 2 former of which came down last night, with all their provisions and stores on board, except the gunner's and a small part of the boatswain's stores. The Merlin has but 3 days' provisions and the purser is at Dover, where he expected the frigate should have victualled.	83
" "	Ordnance Officers -	"	The Fagon having arrived at Harwich, and wanting gunner's stores and junk, desire an order to Mr. Browne, the storekeeper there, to deliver 5 cwt. of junk for her use; also in future such a quantity as the ordnance requires when frigates arrive.	84
" 17	Rear-Adm. Jno. Bourne, *Richard, Downs.*	"	Received theirs, intimating the taking up of the Robert ketch of Margate; she has not yet arrived, but hears from Robt. Blackleach, her master, that he has contracted to have her wholly victualled and manned by the State.	85
" "	Rich. Fletcher, Thos. Huggins.	"	Have viewed the 20 elms standing near Mr. Bentley's house in Richmond Park, and find 16 of them were formerly marked by them for the service of the navy; they might have marked 2 more, but it being 8 or 9 years since the trees in that park were first marked, and no impression being found upon them, cannot positively say.	86
" "	Jonas Shish, *Deptford.*	"	Asks whether the Convertine is to be sheathed, she being ready for it - - - -	87
" 20	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Browne of Pembroke for his disbursements in supplying necessaries to the Fox.	88
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	—	Account of disbursements for cleaning and repairing ships and supplying them with necessaries, &c., from 21 Mar. to 20 June 1659, total 337*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*	89
" "	Edw. Hall and 7 others.	—	Certify that they have perused the petition of Wm. Jopp, mariner, to go as master in one of the ships intended for the present expedition, and believe that the contents are true, and that he is capable of the employment he desires.	90
" 23	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen for 3,000*l.* for carrying on the victualling affairs.	91
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	"	Sends an account of the number of men mustered and absent on board 5 ships named. Two of the ships came down yesterday, and the Merlin sailed from Gravesend on the 19th.	92
" 24	Commissary Thos. Knight.	—	Account of brass and other ordnance, shot, and army stores remaining in Windsor Castle under his charge for the service of the Commonwealth.	93
" 25	Jno. Browne, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Sends the muster books of the Fame, Convert, and Fagon; desires the cables, cordage, &c., demanded may be sent down.	94
" "	" "	"	Order to refit the Gift prize at Deptford for present service, and to certify what number of men and guns should be borne upon her.	95

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1659. June 27	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to examine the accounts of Cornelius Burroughs, steward-general at Jamaica, of money, victuals, and naval stores, which have been supplied by order of the several commanders-in-chief there, to several persons employed by Martin Noel and Company, and for which Noel is accountable; as also to confer with him, and consider and certify what price should be put upon the said provisions.	Vol. 212. 96
„ „	Rich. Dermott, *Dawpool, Chester Water.*	„	Sends a muster book of the Paradox, commanded by Capt. Rich. Cowes. Upon her arrival from Dublin, with some gentlemen and commanders of quality, went on board to muster, and found 14 men short, and the captain being at Chester, could not get any information. Upon his return, his company telling him a muster had been made, he was very angry, said the Navy Commissioners' warrant had not its former force, refused to allow any further muster, and has since sailed for Dublin, but is expected to return very shortly, when it is hoped the Commissioners will resent such an affront to their appointed officer.	97
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	„	Desires an order to the surveyor to supply 10 loads of plank for the Gift, and an order to bring in and repair the hulk.	98
„ „	Rich. Swift, house carpenter, *Deptford.*	—	Information that Jno. Foulding of Deptford, house carpenter, received a letter from his brother, Wm. Foulding, master carpenter of the Maidstone, with a ticket for Hen. Stocker, one of the crew, desiring him to send some person to the Navy Office with it, to get it signed and receive the money; was sent by Foulding to the Navy Office with it, with instructions to personate Stocker, which he did, but was detected. Begs favour and pardon.	99
„ 28	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for a bill of imprest to Capt. Edw. Allen for 500*l.*, to be issued to Dennis Gauden on his account for victualling the navy.	100
„ „	Dan. Furzer, *Lidney*	„	As Major Wade is in London, hopes they will treat with him for a supply of money to carry on the work in Dean Forest, which is much delayed for want of it; also to pay wages, &c., otherwise everything will be brought to a stand. The frigate is planked, and is still in hand.	101
„ 29	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	Have laden 500 barrels of powder, with shot, on board the Sea Fire of London, for the fleet in the Sound, but she has lain at Gravesend 14 days for the vessels with the victuals, which are not yet gone down; desires she may be convoyed	102
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	The poor men left in the service at Chatham are few, and their necessities and debts great; if they are not enabled to clear all scores it will prove disadvantageous to them; as they fear the Commissioners will only order them 4 of the 5 quarters due, while a very small sum would discharge the whole, desires all may be paid, judging it is too bad for those in power to deny what is desired, or the men discharged would be in a better case than these.	103

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1659.				Vol. 212.
June 30	Jos. Child, *Portsmouth.*	Victualling Com^rs^.	Recommends Mr. Joyce as one of the persons having money due to him for beef delivered on Mr. Lodington's account, at 17 per cwt., and who desires payment thereof; as for the remainder, he has resolved to sue Mr. Ridge. Persuaded him to wait a little longer, and until their determination was known, but he rather chose to wait on them himself in London.	104
June.	Adm. Com. - -	Masters of Ports.	Being informed that several vessels trading from port to port have been taken by the enemies' men-of-war, which has not only been a great loss to the merchants and owners, but great encouragement to the enemy, and being desirous to give all encouragement to trade, desire he will give notice to all the merchants and owners of ships and vessels within his port, for the better security of their trade and the safety of their ships, not to go to sea without a convoy, which from time to time will be appointed, and due notice given. Draft by Capt. Hen. Hatsell.	105
"	Rich. Jackson, late carpenter of the *Wildman.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for a carpenter's place in one of the frigates fitting at Plymouth. Has served 10 years, and was in all the engagements against the Dutch. With certificate by Commissioner Whitelock, 30 June 1659.	106, 107
"	Carpenters and caulkers of *Deptford Yard.*	"	Petition for an order to pay the wages due for their service, of which they could not receive a penny when discharged 2 May last.	108
"	——	—	Estimate of the wages due to all officers and seamen serving at sea in ships named, to 30 June 1659, as also what has been paid in tickets. Total 371,930*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*	109
"	Jno. Greene - -	Navy Com^rs^	Accounts of the State's ships at Deptford in rigging wages, with the number of men borne on each, 4, 13, 20, and 27 June.	110–113
"	Margaret Browne, widow.	Adm. Com.	Petition that the 200*l.* ordered her 25 June from co. Denbigh may be made 500*l.*, to defray the charge of her journey for it, or that she may have the 200*l.* paid in London.	114
"	——	—	List of 51 ships appointed 25 June for guard of the coasts of England, Scotland, and Ireland, with their respective stations, and number of men and guns borne by each.	115

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1658.			I. 78.	I. 114.
May 4	Pass - -	For Dorothy Paston, Frances Bedingfield, and Frances Thompson, to the Spa - -	598	119
„ 6	License - -	For John Banister to transport 2 horses from Gravesend to Holland - „ - -	—	119
„ „	„ - -	For Hen. Howard, of co. Berks, to come to London and Westminster on business - -	598	—
„ „	„ - -	For Fras. Finch, of Rushock, co. Worcester, to come to London on business - -	601	—
„ 9	Pass - -	For Hugh Cholmley and 2 servants to France - - - - - -	—	119
„ 13	„ - -	For John Clavering, of Calloby, and servant - - - - - -	618	120
„ „	„ - -	For Anne Moseley and 2 servants to France - - - - - -	618	120
„ „	License - -	For — Anderson to come to London for 10 days and return, under the same restraint as at present.	617	—
„ 20	„ - -	For — Kirton, now in custody, to reside at his house co. Oxon, on security to remain there, and give himself up when required.	631	—
„ 25	„ - -	For Sir Wm. Russell to come up to London and reside there till next Trinity term - -	637	—
„ „	John Lord Barkstead.	To receive Fras. Witherington and Wm. Weyfell, and keep them in the Tower for corresponding with Charles Stuart.	—	120
„ „	„ „	To allow Col. Roger Broadridge, prisoner in the Tower, to go abroad and prosecute his lawsuit, on his former security.	634	—
June 1	License - -	For the 3 officers of Col. Salmon's regiment going from Portsmouth, and the 3 of Col. Guibon's from Deal to Mardike, to export their horses, not exceeding 9, custom free.	662	—
„ „	Pass - -	For Thos. Yates, wife, and 2 servants, beyond seas - - - - - -	657	121
„ „	„ - -	For Ant. Craven to Holland - - - - - - - -	657	121
„ „	„ - -	For Wm. Meples and servant to Holland - - - - - - -	657	—
„ 4	„ - -	For Allan Lockhart and 3 servants to Mardike - - - - - -	672	122
„ 8	License - -	For John Barrington to export a horse from Rye to France - - - - -	673	122
„ „	Pass - -	For „ and one horse from Dover to France - - - - -	673	122
„ „	Serj. Dendy -	To apprehend — Sheldon, and deliver him to the Lieutenant of the Tower, for carrying a challenge to a duel from the Earl of Chesterfield to Capt. John Whalley.	666	122
„ „	Lieutenant of the Tower.	To receive and detain him in custody - - - - - - -	—	123
„ „	Serj. Dendy -	To deliver the Earl of Chesterfield and Capt. John Whalley, now in his custody for fighting a duel, to the Lieutenant of the Tower	666	123
„ 13	License - -	For Fras. Finch, Rushock, co. Worcester, to come to London next Trinity term on private affairs.	669	—
„ „	„ - -	For Hum. Walrond, of Ottery St. Mary, co. Devon, to pass to Dorsetshire and Devonshire, and return to Scotland on his own business.	669	—
„ 15	„ - -	For Lord Powys to return to his house in the country - - - - -	686	—
„ „	Pass - -	For Rich. Roe to Venice - - - - - - - - -	689	123

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1658.				
June 15	Pass - -	For Sir Walter Vane and 2 servants to Holland - - - - - - -	692	123
" "	" - -	For Lieut. Wellmore, lieutenant in Maj.-Gen. Morgan's troop, with servants and 2 horses to Flanders, he having also a pass from Gen. Monk.	692	123
" "	" - -	For Wm. Gale, appointed one of the preachers to the forces in Flanders - - -	—	124
" "	License - -	For " to transport 2 horses custom free - - - - - -	—	124
" "	Pass - -	For Rich. Pettus, Bradwardine Tindall, and Peter Linne to France - - - -	—	124
" "	" - -	For And. Balfour and servant to France - - - - - - -	689	—
" "	License - -	For Lord Powys and his family to return to his house in the country - - -	686	—
" 17	" - -	For Thos. Stourton and servant to France - - - - - - -	703	125
" "	" - -	For Thos. Dobson " " - - - - - - -	703	—
" "	" - -	For Sam. De Valoys for France, on desire of Lord Claypole - - - -	703	—
" 22	Pass - -	For Walter Thynne to Holland - - - - - - - -	—	124
" "	" - -	For Roger Bretteridge and 2 servants from London to any convenient port, and thence to France, according to the tenor of a pass of 25 May 1654.	709	124
" "	" - -	For Lord and Lady Strangford and Lady Diana Sidney, with 7 men and 3 women servants to France.	705	125
" 24	" - -	For Rob. Douglas, with 3 horses and 2 servants, to Flanders - - - -	719	—
" "	" - -	For Walter Thynne to Holland - - - - - - - -	719	—
" "	" - -	For Wm. de Gerbert, Frenchman, to France - - - - - -	724	125
" "	" - -	For Sir Edw. Witherington, lady, and 3 men and 2 maid servants to the Spaw - -	719	126
" "	" - -	For Leonard Grey, younger son of the Earl of Stamford, and servant to France - -	719	129
" 29	" - -	For Rich. Bridgman, wife, and 2 maids, to Holland - - - - - - -	724	126
" "	" - -	For Sam. Kevett to Holland - - - - - - - - -	724	126
" "	" - -	For — Fountaine and 2 servants to France - - - - - - -	—	125
" "	" - -	For John Lumley, eldest son of Viscount Lumley, with wife, two children, gentlewoman, maid, and 3 men, to France	724	125
" "	" - -	For And. Mollet, wife, and servant, to Hamburg - - - - - -	724	125
" "	" - -	For the Countess of Arundel to France, for recovery of her health, with 14 servants, coach, 2 horses, furniture of a chamber, apparel, &c.	692	125
July 1	" - -	For Wm. Jones and 1 horse to Flanders - - - - - - - -	727	128
" "	" - -	For — Beck and Ferdinando Gorges to France - - - - - -	727	128
" "	" - -	For Ralph Sheldon, wife, and 3 servants, to France - - - - - -	730	128
" "	" - -	For Sir Hen. Goring, lady, and 4 servants, to France - - - - -	730	129
" "	" - -	For Gab. Mollett and 1 servant beyond seas - - - - - - -	730	—
" "	Keeper of Newgate	To receive Jonathan Hancock, John Goodwin, and Hum. Breach, suspected to have had a hand in the late traitorous design in London, and John Tirwhitt, suspected to be a Romish priest, and keep them in safe custody.	—	128

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
			I. 78.	I. 114.
1658. July 6	License - -	For M. de Sanguin, agent from the King of France, to transport 7 horses to France custom free.	731	129
„ „	Pass - -	For Edw. Rich and Hen. Selby to France, on desire of Chas. Rich, his Highness's avenor -	737	129
„ „	„ - -	For Hen. Killigrew and John Browne to Holland, on desire of the Earl of Barrimore -	737	—
„ 8	„ - -	For Fred. Kretzchmar, sent to solicit his Highness about the 20 Bohemian families, beyond seas.	745	130
„ „	„ - -	For Hen. Thornhill and 2 servants to France - - - - - -	745	130
„ „	„ - -	For Wm. Scott and servant to France - - - - - - -	745	—
„ „	„ - -	For Gab. Mollett and servant to France - - - - - - -	745	—
„ 13	„ - -	For John Atkinson, Stowell, co. Gloucester, and servant, to the Spaw - - -	749	130
„ 22	„ - -	For Capt. Nicholas for Dunkirk - - - - - - -	763	—
„ 27	„ - -	For Jasper Maine, Lord Cavendish's tutor, to Paris - - - - -	—	131
„ 29	„ - -	For Fras. Vernon to Holland - - - - - - - -	770	131
„ „	„ - -	For Lieut. Hen. Berry, wife, child, and maid, to Holland - - - - -	770	131
„ „	„ - -	For Thos. Draper and 2 servants to France - - - - - - -	770	131
Aug. 3	„ - -	For Sir Mat. Tomlinson, one of the Council of Ireland, to come to England and remain 3 months.	772	—
„ „	„ - -	For John and Lady Frances Tufton, children of the Earl of Thanet, with Nath. Powell and 4 servants, to the Spaw.	775	132
„ „	„ - -	For Chas. Ross to Flanders - - - - - - - - - -	776	—
„ „	„ - -	For Lady Anne Brudenel, Frances and Anna Maria, her children, Peter Savage, 4 men and 2 women, to France.	776	132
„ 6	„ - -	For Thos. Arden, John Wyniff, of Lincoln's Inn, Rich. Read, M.D., of Witham, and Hen. Ayloffe, of Branstead, both co. Essex, with 3 servants, to France.	—	133
„ „	„ - -	For Sir John Chichester and 4 servants to France - - - - - -	—	123
„ 12	„ - -	For Sir John Ogle, lady, and 4 servants, to Ireland - - - - - -	791	—
„ „	„ - -	For Chas. Ross, with horse, arms, &c., to Dunkirk - - - - - -	791	134
„ 13	„ - -	For John Pye, Esaias Ward, and Thos. Rainton, to Holland - - - -	791	134
„ 17	Serj. Dendy -	To take into custody a person apprehended, and now at the Falcon, Perpoole Lane, suspected to be engaged in a dangerous design, and bring him before Council this afternoon.	791	133
„ „	Pass - -	For Isabella Barber and maid to Middleburg - - - - - -	796	134
„ „	License - -	For John Henley to export a horse to use in one of his Highness's troops in Flanders -	792	134
„ „	„ - -	For Amb. Lockhart „ 6 horses for his own use custom free - - - -	792	134
„ 19	Pass - -	For Grace Jenkinson, of Covent Garden, Paul and Alice Neale, both young, with man and maid, to Holland.	802	134

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
1658.			I. 78.	I. 114.
Aug. 19	Pass - -	For Sir Ant. Morgan, Elizabeth his wife, Mary their daughter, 2 men, and 2 maids, to France.	803	135
„ „	Col. John Bingham, Governor of Guernsey.	To cause Wm. Ashburnham, prisoner there, to be conveyed under guard to Windsor Castle for his health, and delivered to the Governor there.	797	135
„ „	Col. Chris. Whichcott, Governor of Windsor.	To receive Ashburnham and keep him in safe custody - - - - -	797	135
„ „	Col. Rob. Guibon -	To cause George, Duke of Buckingham, to be conveyed under guard to the Tower, and delivered to the lieutenant.	—	135
„ „	John, Lord Barkstead.	To keep him in safe custody in the Tower - - - - - - - -	—	136
„ „	Pass - -	For Mustapha Dargeir, a Turk, many years slave to the Spaniards, but escaped through France, to Turkey.	802	136
„ 24	Keeper of Newgate	To receive Rob. Pyne, charged with speaking traitorous words against the Protector, and keep him in custody.	—	136
„ 26	License - -	For Col. Edw. Cooke to export 4 horses for his officers, now bound for Flanders, in his Highness's service.	814	136
Sept. 2	Col. Whichcott -	To cause John, Earl of Lauderdale, prisoner in Windsor Castle, to be removed to Warwick Castle.	820	138
„ „	Governor of Warwick Castle.	To receive „ „ and keep him prisoner till further order - -	821	138
„ „	Col. Whichcott -	To cause John, Lord Sinclair, to be removed to Carisbrook Castle - - - -	821	138
„ „	Governor of Carisbrook Castle.	To receive „ and keep him prisoner there till further orders - -	821	138
„ „	License - -	For Rob. Browne, consul at Algiers, to export, custom free, parcels of silver, *viz.*, a tankard, 2 salt cellars, 4 trencher plates, a candlestick, extinguisher, pair of snuffers, 2 spoons, poringer, caudle cup, and tumbler.	826	—
„ „	Pass - -	For Sir Rob. Stone and servant to Holland - - - - - - - -	827 Missing Order Book.*	—
„ 7	„ - -	For Eliz. Cartwright, Abigail Hobart, her daughter, and 2 servants to Holland - -	24	139
„ „	License - -	For Lord Widdrington to stay in the country - - - - - -	22	—
„ „	„ - -	For Ralph Davison to come to London - - - - - - -	23	—
„ 9	Pass - -	For M. de Rohan and servants to France - - - - - - -	29	139
„ „	„ - -	For Wm. Dormer and servant to France - - - - - - - -	29	139

* The entries from this and the following Missing Order Books are taken from the Indexes to their proceedings, in I. 84 and I. 85 of the Interregnum Papers, where they may be found under the initials of the name or place.—Ed.

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
			Missing Order Book.	I. 114.
1658.				
Sept. 9	Pass - -	For Marquis de Neufchastel and servants to France - - - - - -	29	139
„ „	„ - -	For Capt. Moore and one horse beyond seas - - - - - - -	29	—
„ 14	„ - -	For Rob. Baker and servant to France - - - - - - -	36	140
„ „	„ - -	For Hen. Mills, Richard his son, and servant to Holland - - - - -	36	140
„ „	„ - -	For William, Lord Herbert, John Denham, and 5 servants beyond seas - - -	36	140
„ 16	„ - -	For Lord Bruce, eldest son of the Earl of Elgin, his lady, 12 men and women servants, his coach, &c., to France.	39	141
„ „	License - -	For Lord Bruce to export 3 horses from Dover to France - - - - -	39	141
„ „	„ -	For Rob. Honeywood to export 1 horse from Gravesend to Holland - - - -	39	141
„ „	Pass - -	For „ and 3 servants to Holland - - - - - -	39	141
„ „	„ - -	For Lieut. Jas. Watts and servant to Holland - - - - - -	39	142
„ „	„ - -	For Mahomet, Mustaoth, Hamal, and Abdullah, all Turks; Abducadir, Achmet, Sillan, and Hamel, all of Sally, to their native countries.	39	141
„ „	License - -	For Sir Phil. Mountaine to come to London - - - - - - -	41	—
„ 24	„ - -	For Alley and Achmet, Turks of Algiers, from any port to their own country - -	—	142
„ „	„ - -	For Rich. Fanshaw beyond seas - - - - - - - -	54	—
„ „	Serj. Dendy -	To apprehend and bring Caleb Burton in custody before Council - - - -	53	142
„ 30	Pass - -	For John Marsley and Arnold Harris to Flanders - - - - - -	65	143
„ „	„ - -	For Rich. Clifton and servant to France - - - - - - -	65	143
„ „	License - -	For Col. Wm. Cromwell to export a horse - - - - - - -	61	143
Oct. 5	Pass - -	For John Paulet, eldest son of Lord Paulet, with Mr. Boyle his tutor, and servants to France.	69	143
„ „	„ - -	For Nich. Lanière and 2 servants to come from Flanders, and bring such pictures of his as he thinks fit.	—	144
„ 7	„ - -	For And. Mollett and wife beyond seas - - - - - - - -	74	144
„ 19	Governor of Cornet Castle, *Guernsey*.	On a Council order of this day, to send John Ashburnham, prisoner there, in safe custody to the Tower.	96	144
„ „	Lord Barkstead -	To receive and keep him prisoner in the Tower - - - - - -	96	144
„ 20	Pass - -	For Lieut. Heningham and servant to Flanders - - - - - -	101	145
„ „	„ - -	For Capt. Alvarez Pinckney, Wm. Pinckney, and servant to Holland - - -	103	145
„ 25	„ - -	For Wm. Babb beyond seas - - - - - - - - - -	104	—
„ „	„ - -	For Rob. Geere beyond seas - - - - - - - - -	104	—
„ „	„ - -	For Geo. Symond beyond seas - - - - - - - -	104	—
„ 26	„ - -	For Mary Ledger, with a little box, to Dunkirk, to her husband, a trooper under Capt. Mills.	103	145
„ 28	„ - -	For Edm. Hobart and servant to France - - - - - - -	112	145

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
1658.			Missing Order Book.	I. 114.
Nov. 1	Pass - -	For Edw. Noel, son to Viscount Camden, Wm. Leech, and servants to France - -	114	146
„ 9	„ - -	For Charles, Lord Buckhurst, Edw. Sackville, Thos. Barton, John Jenyngs and George Potts beyond seas.	124	146
„ „	License - -	For Sir Nich. Cole to come to London - - - - - - - -	124	—
„ 11	Pass - -	For Wm. Colegrave and servant to France - - - - - - -	138	146
„ „	„ - -	For Charles, Viscount Dungarvan, Rich. Boyle, his brother, and 2 servants, to France -	138	146
„ „	„ - -	For the Earl of Middlesex and 5 servants to France - - - - - -	138	147
„ „	„ - -	For Lord Peters and servants to France - - - - - - -	137	147
„ 12	License - -	For Wm. Tillis to export 2 horses to Flanders, custom free - - - - - -	—	147
„ 16	Pass - -	For Nich. Bagnall and 3 servants to France - - - - - - -	143	148
„ „	„ - -	For Thos. Bury beyond seas - - - - - - - - -	143	—
„ „	License - -	For Sir Fras. Cobb to come to London - - - - - - -	156	—
„ „	„ - -	For Thos. Davison „ - - - - - - -	156	—
„ 20	Serj. Dendy -	To apprehend Major John Harris, and bring him in custody before Council - - -	152	148
„ 27	Pass - -	For Don John of Austria - - - - - - - - -	163	—
Dec. 1	„ - -	For Rowland Bellasis, Mr. Moone his gentleman, and servant, to France - - -	174	147
„ 2	Marshal-General -	To deliver Wm. Howard, in custody at St. James's, to Serj. Dendy, to be kept in Lambeth House.	—	148
„ „	Serj. Dendy -	To receive „ and keep him in safe custody at Lambeth House - - -	—	148
„ 3	Pass - -	For Chas. Povey and servant beyond seas - - - - - - -	183	148
„ „	„ - -	For John Ridley, servant to Lord Carbery, to France - - - - -	174	149
„ „	License - -	For Lady Mary Stuart, daughter to the Duchess of Richmond, to export 2 horses from Dover.	—	149
„ 9	Pass - -	For John Bond, beyond seas - - - - - - - - -	208	—
„ „	Lord Barkstead -	To receive Major Henshaw prisoner in the Tower - - - - - -	204	150
„ „	Governor of Guernsey.	To send Sir Thos. Payton, husband of Lady Payton, now in his custody, to Windsor Castle -	201	150
„ „	Governor of Windsor Castle.	To receive „ „ „ and keep him in custody - -	—	150
„ 14	License -	For M. Serinchamp to export 3 horses - - - - - - -	—	151
„ „	Pass - -	For George Kirk and servant to France - - - - - - -	239	151
„ 17	„ - -	For Morris Griffin, to Holland - - - - - - - -	239	151
„ 23	„ - -	For John Paston and servant to France - - - - - - -	258	151
„ 28	„ - -	For Wm. Edwards, merchant, consul to Aleppo, beyond seas - - - -	263	152
„ „	Serj. Dendy -	To apprehend Major Rob. Harlow, and bring him in safe custody before Council - -	266	152
„ „	„ -	To seize his papers and writings, and bring them before Council - - - -	266	152

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.	
			Missing Order Book.	I. 114.
1658. Dec. 30	Pass - -	For Jas. Pepin, Protestant merchant of Rochelle, to Acadia in America, to recover his debts.	273	153
1658–9. Jan. 20	Serj. Dendy -	To apprehend Sir Hen. Jones, and bring him in custody before Council, and also to search for, seize, and bring in all his letters and papers.	320	155
,, ,,	Lord Barkstead -	To receive Rob. Harley [or Harlow], and keep him in custody in the Tower, on suspicion of high treason and other misdemeanours.	320	153, 154
,, 25	,, - -	To receive Jas. Halsall, committed on suspicion of high treason, and keep him prisoner in the Tower	—	155
,, ,,	,, - -	,, John Sturgeon ,, ,, ,, ,,	—	155
,, ,,	,, - -	,, Sir Hum. Bennett ,, ,, ,, ,,	—	155
,, ,,	,, - -	,, Rich. Bins, *alias* Barton, or Mason ,, ,, ,,	—	155
,, ,,	,, - -	,, Greg. Baldwin - - - ,, ,, ,,	—	156
Feb. 15	Pass - -	For Luke Skippon and Thos. Pockley, with 2 servants to France - - - -	364	156
,, ,,	,, - -	For 6 hoy masters employed by Ralph Smith to carry stores from Queenborough Castle to Whitehall, for service of the State.	—	156, 157
,, 24	License - -	For a servant of Lord Bruce to export a horse to France for his lord's use - - -	—	157
March 3	Pass - -	For Charles, Viscount Dungarvan and ship, and Rich. Boyle, beyond seas - - -	381	—
,, ,,	,, - -	For John Pope beyond seas - - - - - - - - -	381	—
,, ,,	,, - -	For Sir Walter Vane and servants to Holland - - - - - -	381	157
,, ,,	,, - -	For Rich. Graham beyond seas - - - - - - - -	381	—
,, 10	,, - -	For Capt. Gilbert Cooke and servant, in service of the States General, to Holland - -	389	157
,, 17	License - -	For William, Earl of Bedford, to export a horse from Rye to France - - -	396	157
,, 22	Lord Barkstead -	To receive Capts. Papachine and Boniface, pirates taken in the Straits, and keep them in custody	401	158
1659. Mar. 31	Protection from impress.	For 29 harpooners and steersmen named, and others not named, taken up by the Muscovy Company for this year's voyage to Greenland, and needful for the killing of whales.	—	158
,, ,,	Pass - -	For John Middleton, of Stockeild, co. Durham, being a child of 7 years old, with his tutor and 2 servants, to France.	—	158
Apr. 1	,, - -	For Wm. Till, surgeon to Lord Lockhart's regiment of horse at Dunkirk, to Dunkirk -	—	159
,, 8	,, - -	For Clemence Griffith, child, and 2 maids, to Holland - - - - -	—	160
,, 9	Serj. Dendy -	To apprehend Rob. Bowden of Dover, and bring him in custody before Council - -	420	159
,, ,,	,, - -	,, Cornelison Peterson Swart, captain of a galliot hoy, and bring him before Council.	421	159
,, 18	Pass - -	For Susan Neile, child of 5, man, and maid, to Holland - - - - -	—	160
,, 26	,, - -	For Sir Thos. Mackworth, Bart., and 2 servants, to France - - - - -	—	160

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Date.	To	Subject.	* References.	
1659.			Missing Order Book.*	I. 114.
May 5	Pass	For Daniel, son of Col. Norton, and 2 servants to France	—	161
„ 26	„	For Wm. Dormer beyond seas	26	—
June 7	„	For Col. Brettridge „	56	—
„ „	„	For Phil. Gerard „	56	—
„ 9	„	For Hen. Carr „	59	—
„ „	„	For Edw. Howard „	59	—
„ 13	Warrant	For 2 brace of bucks to Lord Lambert	65	—
„ „	„	For a buck to Col. Thompson	65	—
„ 15	„	For one buck each to Cols. Walton, Rich, and Morley	69, 70	—
„ „	„	„ Wm. Cawley	69	—
„ „	„	„ Mr. Harby	79	—
„ „	„	„ Sir Art. Hesilrigge	69	—
„ „	„	„ Lord Whitelock	77	—
„ „	„	„ „ Hen. Hungerford	74	—
„ „	„	„ „ Hen. Martin	74	—
„ „	Pass	For Wm. Carter beyond seas	70	—
„ „	„	For John Bloomer	67	—
„ „	„	For Thos. Neale and others	70	—
„ „	„	For Wm. Stoddard	70	—
„ „	„	For Chas. Taliaffer Desovetast	74	—
„ 17	Warrant	To deliver a buck to Josias Berners	82	—
„ „	„	„ „ Hen. Nevill	82	—
„ „	„	„ „ Col. White	82	—
„ „	„	„ two brace to Lord St. John and his son	82	—
„ 21	„	„ 13 bucks, persons not named	90	—
„ „	„	„ „ Henry Smith	93	—
„ „	Pass	For Lord Petre beyond seas	93	—
„ 23	„	For Lieut. Rob. Woldborne beyond seas	101	—
„ 27	Warrant	To deliver a brace of bucks to Sir Art. Hesilrigge	111	—

* See note on page 579.

WARRANTS of the PROTECTOR and COUNCIL for PAYMENT of MONEY.

Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum. £ s. d.	References. I. 78.	I. 106.
1658. May 18	Gualter Frost - -	Surveyor Embree -	For erecting a place in Westminster Hall for the High Court of Justice.	100 0 0	622	—
" "	" - -	Clement Kinnersley -	For hanging a place in Westminster Hall for the High Court of Justice with red stuff.	100 0 0	622	—
June 1	" - -	Sir Wm. Lockhart -	For contingent charges concerning the forces in Flanders.	300 0 0	648	—
Sept. 30	" - -	Thos. Bury and Step. Seeres, porters at Whitehall.	For expense of sea coals in the porter's lodge last winter.	6 0 0	819	76
Oct. 4	" - -	Thos. Trapham, surgeon.	For medicaments for the forces in Flanders, on his note, by order of Council of 1 June.	108 7 4⅓	—	75
" 5	" - -	Saml. Hartlib - -	For industry and expenses in the service for three quarters of a year.	75 0 0	—	70
" "	" - -	Dr. W. Walker, advocate.	For a year's salary - - - -	100 0 0	—	70
" "	" - -	Wm. Williams -	For half a year's salary for printing the weekly bills of mortality.	5 0 0	—	70
" "	" - -	12 household servants at Whitehall.	For half a year's salary - - -	155 0 0	—	71
" "	" - -	Marchmond Needham -	" " - - -	50 0 0	—	71
" "	" - -	Ambrose Randolph -	For three quarter's salary as keeper of the papers in Whitehall.	120 0 0	—	72
" 8	" - -	Serj. Dendy - -	For lodging and diet of prisoners at Lambeth House, three quarters.	188 17 0	801	72
" "	" - -	11 serjeants' deputies -	For riding charges and diet of prisoners, three quarters.	721 0 6	802	73
" "	" - -	11 messengers of Council	For riding charges, three quarters - -	236 0 8	802	72
" "	" - -	Capt. John Owen -	For stationery, &c. - - - -	144 5 0	802	72
" "	" - -	Rich. Scutt, usher -	For firing, candles, &c. - - -	323 3 0	802	72
" "	" - -	Rich. Nutt, bargemaster	For fetching and carrying the Duc de Crequy, &c.	44 16 0	802	72
" "	" - -	Lieut.-Col. Roseworme	For half a year's salary as engineer-general -	91 0 0	—	74
" "	" - -	Lady Rebecca Williams	For three quarter's rent for her house in Palace Yard.	225 0 0	—	74

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.	References.	
				£ s. d.	I. 78.	I. 106.
1658. Oct. 9	Gualter Frost - -	Wm. Wheeler - -	For 1½ year's rent for the passage into Canon Row.	2 0 0	—	74
„ 20	„ - -	Thos. Trapham -	For medicaments for the forces in Flanders -	92 2 10½	—	75
Nov. 2	„ - -	Lieut.-Col. Roseworme	For one quarter's salary - - -	45 10 0	—	76
„ „	„ - -	Peter Sterry - -	For half a year's salary - - -	100 0 0	—	77
„ „	„ - -	Nich. Lockyer - -	„ „ - - - -	100 0 0	—	77
„ „	„ - -	Hugh Peters - -	„ „ - - - -	100 0 0	—	78
Dec. 20	„ - -	Rich. Scutt - -	For setting up lights in the passages at Whitehall, 1½ years.	18 0 0	—	76
1658–9. Jan. 11	„ - -	Saml. Hartlib - -	For his industry and expense in several public services, one quarter.	25 0 0	—	75
„ 14	„ - -	Thos. Bury and Stephen Seeres.	For sea coals in the porter's lodge at Whitehall this winter.	6 0 0	—	77
„ 31	„ - -	Lady Rebecca Williams	For one quarter's rent for her house in Palace Yard.	75 0 0	—	78
Feb. 15	„ - -	George Vaux, housekeeper at Whitehall.	For three quarters' salary - - -	112 10 0	—	79
„ „	„ - -	Wm. Williams -	For one half year's salary for printing the Bills of mortality.	5 0 0	—	79
Mar. 21	„ - -	13 household servants at Whitehall, including Geo. Vaux, housekeeper.	For half a year's salary - - -	192 10 0	—	82
1659. Mar. 31	„ - -	Saml. Hartlib - -	For industry and expense in the service, one quarter.	25 0 0	—	79
„ „	„ - -	Lady Rebecca Williams	For a quarter's rent for her house in Palace Yard	75 0 0	—	80
„ „	„ - -	Lieut.-Col. Roseworme	For one quarter's salary as engineer-general -	45 10 0	—	80
April 28	„ - -	Serj. Dendy - -	For half year's lodging and diet of prisoners in Lambeth House, ending Jan. last.	125 13 0	—	81
„ „	„ - -	10 serjeant's deputies -	For half year's riding charges and diet of prisoners.	552 6 4	—	81
„ „	„ - -	9 messengers of Council.	For half year's riding charges - - -	277 4 10	—	81

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.	References.
1659.				£ s. d.	I. 106.
April 28	Gualter Frost - -	Rich. Nutt, bargemaster	For fetching up the Dutch ambassador, Oct. 1658, and attending Council to Somerset House.	8 0 0	81
,, ,,	,, - -	Rich. Scutt, usher -	For candles, stationery, &c., for a year - - -	193 2 6	81
,, ,,	,, - -	6 under clerks -	For their charges to Hampton Court, at 1*s.* a time -	21 0 0	81
,, ,,	,, - -	Capt. John Owen -	For stationery, &c. half a year - - -	77 15 9	81
,, ,,	,, - -	Serj. Dendy - -	For charge of prisoners and other expenses to 6 May -	67 19 0	83
,, ,,	,, - -	8 serjeant's deputies -	For journeys, gratuities, &c., to 6 May - - -	245 14 5	83
,, ,,	,, - -	5 messengers - -	For journeys, to 6 May - - - - -	51 1 9	83
,, ,,	,, - -	Rich. Scutt, usher -	For fuel, lights, &c., half a year, to March 1659 - -	190 16 0	83
,, ,,	,, - -	Capt. Owen - -	For stationery, &c., to May 1659 - - -	92 19 4	83

Warrants for Payments by the Committee of Safety.

Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.	References.
1659.				£ s. d.	I. 107.
May 11	Auditor of the Exchequer.	Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer.	From the customs and new impost, &c., above the 167,734*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*, on the farm of excise of beer, ale, &c., already ordered, on an order of 10 May. [*Also Vol.* 203, *No.* 4*a.*]	20,000 0 0	343, 346
,, 12	,, ,,	Treasurers-at-War -	For the forces and garrisons in England and Wales -	2,780 0 0	340
,, ,,	,, ,,	Edw. Backwell, goldsmith, of London.	For two weeks' pay of the garrisons at Dunkirk and Mardike, on order of 11 May.	800 0 0	342, 343
,, 13	,, ,,	,, ,,	Imprest for Dunkirk garrison, on an order of Parliament of 12 May.	1,000 0 0	341
,, 17	,, ,,	John Phelps, clerk of Parliament.	For service, on a Parliament Order of 13 May - -	50 0 0	339, 340
,, 18	,, ,,	Treasurers-at-War -	Imprest for the army - - - - -	10,000 0 0	338, 339

Warrants for Payments by the Council of State.

Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum. £ s. d.	References. Missing Order Book.*	References. I. 107.
1659. May 27	Auditor of Exchequer	Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer.	From the customs and new impost, above the 167,734*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*, moiety of the farm of excise of beer, ale, &c., already ordered.	20,000 0 0	24	1
" "	" "	Treasurers-at-War -	In part of the 167,734*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*, moiety of the said farm, ordered to them.	1,465 0 0	—	2
" 30	" "	Edw. Backwell, goldsmith, of London.	Imprest for Dunkirk garrison, on an order of 26 May, in foreign specie.	3,000 0 0	35	3, 6
" "	" "	Treasurers-at-War -	On account for forces and garrisons - -	1,316 10 4	—	5
" "	" "	Rich. Hutchinson -	For sick and wounded soldiers, orphans, and widows, at Ely House and the Savoy, on an order of 30 May.	3,000 0 0	28	4, 6
June 6	" "	Treasurers-at-War -	For the forces and garrisons, in part of his yearly assignment.	2,877 0 0	—	8
" 7	" "	Rich. Hutchinson -	From excise and new impost, above his yearly assignment, on an order of 6 June.	50,000 0 0	—	7, 8
" "	" "	Gualter Frost - -	For Council's contingencies - - -	200 0 0	54	7, 9
" 9	Gualter Frost - -	Quartermaster Stevenson.	For his care in apprehending Harman Barnes, securing arms and ammunition, including 40*s.*, to the soldiers that assisted him, on order of 25 May.	5 0 0	52	9
" 13	Auditor of Exchequer	Gualter Frost - -	For bills charged on the Treasurers-at-War by Majors Ludlow, Wade, and Waring, and Capts. Crofts, Gorges, and Peter Ceely, for the militia troops, cos. Wilts, Gloucester, Somerset, Cornwall, and Salop; on order of 7 June.	1,200 0 0	54	10, 11
" "	" "	Col. Wm. Lockhart -	Repayment of so much advanced by him to pay the garrisons of Dunkirk and Mardike; ordered 7 June.	1,700 0 0	53	10, 11
" 14	" "	Rich. Hutchinson -	Due to Denis Gauden on contracts for provisions for the navy.	3,000 0 0	69	12
" "	" "	Gualter Frost - -	To be issued by order of the Committee of Council employed to manage intelligence.	500 0 0	—	12

* See Note on p. 579.

Warrants for Payment by the Council of State—*cont.*

Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum. £	s.	d.	References. Missing Order Book.	I. 107.
1659. June 15	Auditor of Exchequer -	Gualter Frost - -	To be advanced to Col. Lockhart for his present negotiation.	500	0	0	67	16
" "	" "	" - -	For the Commissioners' plenipotentiary -	600	0	0	71	
" "	Rich. Hutchinson, Navy Treasurer.	Denis Gauden - -	To repay so much borrowed of the assessments	3,000	0	0	70	—
" 17	Auditor of Exchequer	Gualter Frost - -	For payment of moneys taken up on bills of exchange by the Commissioners plenipotentiary, to defray the charge of their negotiation.	2,000	0	0	—	13
" 18	Gualter Frost - -	John Powell - -	To be issued by him on directions of the Commissioners plenipotentiary.	4,000	0	0	—	14
" "	" - -	Col. Wm. Lockhart -	For the charge of his negotiation - -	500	0	0	71	16
" 21	" - -	Thos. Scott - -	For intelligence - - - -	40	0	0	90	17
" "	Auditor of Exchequer	Rich. Hutchinson -	For relief of sick and maimed soldiers, widows, and orphans, in Ely House and the Savoy.	3,020	0	0	—	17
" "	" "	Edw. Backwell -	4 weeks' payment for Dunkirk and Mardike garrisons, to be paid to the governor of Dunkirk, in foreign specie.	1,600	0	0	111	18
" 23	John Baynes, Receiver-General in Scotland.	Persons appointed by Gen. Monk.	For repairs of Holyrood House - -	1,000	0	0	95	18
" "	Gualter Frost - -	Major John Wade -	For the militia troop under him in co. Gloucester, on account for payment while in actual service.	200	0	0	—	20
" "	" - -	Capt. John Crofts -	For like payment while in actual service in co. Gloucester.	200	0	0	—	20
" "	" - -	John Hallett for Capt. Peter Ceely.	" " for his troop in co. Cornwall.	200	0	0	—	21
" "	" - -	Fras. Kitching for Major Wm. Ludlow.	For payment while in actual service for his troop in co. Wilts.	200	0	0	—	21
" "	" - -	Hen. Taylor - -	Gratuity being sent with letters from Gen. Montague from the fleet.	20	0	0	—	22
" "	" - -	Thos. Scott - -	For intelligence - - - -	30	0	0	109	—
" 24	Auditor of Exchequer	Treasurers-at-War -	On account of their yearly assignment, for the forces.	2,820	5	0	—	19
" 27	Gualter Frost - -	Wm. Geering - -	On account, for his journey to France - -	20	0	0	—	22
" 28	Auditor of Exchequer	Denis Gauden - -	For biscuit, at 16*s.* 6*d.* the cwt., and cheese, at 36*s.* 6*d.* the cwt., delivered for Dunkirk.	1,315	18	0	136	23

Warrants for Payment by the Council of State—*cont.*

Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.	References.	
1659.				£ s. d.	Missing Order Book.	I. 107.
June 29	Gualter Frost - -	Lieut.-Col. Heane Capt. Thos. Guy	As a mark of favour from Parliament for service.	30 0 0 20 0 0	112 112	23 23
" "	" - -	Col. Ashfield, Col. Packer, and Lieut.-Col. Pierson.	For the charges of themselves and 2 others sent to Dunkirk.	100 0 0	114	25
" "	Auditor of Exchequer	Treasurers-at-War -	On their yearly assignment for the forces -	2,004 0 0	—	24
" "	" "	" " -	For Lieut.-Col. Elton's regiment under Maj.-Gen. Lambert, in part of a warrant of the Army Committee, 30th Oct. last, for 1,027*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*	444 13 4	100	24
" "	Gualter Frost - -	Rob. Hughes, for Capt. Sam. Price.	For his militia troop in North Wales, whilst in service.	200 0 0	113	25
" 30	" - -	Wm. Heyford, for Major Edm. Waring.	For his militia troop in co. Salop, whilst in service.	200 0 0	—	27
" "	" - -	Cols. Morley and Walton.	For intelligence, 10*l.* each - - -	20 0 0	119	28

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1658–9.
Jan. 1. Weekly account of the balance in hand at the Excise Office, total 191*l.* 6*s.* 9½*d.* [½ *page. Vol. CC., No.* 4*a.*]

Jan. 10. Weekly accounts of the receipts and payments of the Commissioners of Customs, 25 Dec. to 3 Jan., 2,855*l.* 11*s.* 4½*d.*, and between 7 and 10 Jan., 8,272*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* [2 *sheets. Vol. CC., Nos.* 32*a, b.*]

Jan. 31. Order by the Protector that the President of Council sign warrants from time to time for 150*l.* a year, in quarterly payments, to Geo. Vaux [housekeeper at Whitehall], and that his name be inserted in the list to be signed quarterly. [*I.* 114, *p.* 156.]

1659.
June 2. Bond of Thos. Tomlins and 2 others of London in 40*l.* to the keepers of the liberties of England, that John Mitchell, taken at sea in one of the enemy's men-of-war, shall, if released, behave himself peaceably, and not prejudice the present Government. [1 *page. Vol. CCIII., No.* 32*a.*]

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CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, DOMESTIC SERIES, OF THE REIGN OF CHARLES I., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* JOHN BRUCE, Esq., F.S.A., (Vols. I.–XII.); *by* JOHN BRUCE, Esq., F.S.A., and WILLIAM DOUGLAS HAMILTON, Esq., F.S.A., (Vol. XIII.); and *by* WILLIAM DOUGLAS HAMILTON, Esq., F.S.A., (Vols. XIV.–XVII.) 1858–1882.

Vol. I.—1625–1626.
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Vol. XV.—1639–1640.
Vol. XVI.—1640.
Vol. XVII.—1640–41.

This Calendar presents notices of a large number of original documents of great value to all inquirers relative to the history of the period to which it refers, many hitherto unknown.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, DOMESTIC SERIES, DURING THE COMMONWEALTH, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* MARY ANNE EVERETT GREEN. 1875–1884.

Vol. I.—1649–1649.
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Vol. X.—1656–1657.
Vol. XI.—1657–1658.
Vol. XII.—1658–1659.

This Calendar is in continuation of those during the reigns from Edward VI. to Charles I., and contains a mass of new information.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, DOMESTIC SERIES, OF THE REIGN OF CHARLES II., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* MARY ANNE EVERETT GREEN. 1860–1866.

Vol. I.—1660–1661.
Vol. II.—1661–1662.
Vol. III.—1663–1664.
Vol. IV.—1664–1665.
Vol. V.—1665–1666.
Vol. VI.—1666–1667.
Vol. VII.—1667.

Seven volumes of this Calendar, between 1660 and 1667, have been published.

CALENDAR OF HOME OFFICE PAPERS OF THE REIGN OF GEORGE III., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* JOSEPH REDINGTON, Esq. 1878–1879. Vol. III. *Edited by* RICHARD ARTHUR ROBERTS, Esq., Barrister-at-Law. 1881.

Vol. I.—1760 (25 Oct.)–1765.
Vol. II.—1766–1769.
Vol. III.—1770–1772.

These are the first three volumes of the modern series of Domestic Papers, commencing with the accession of George III.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS relating to SCOTLAND, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* MARKHAM JOHN THORPE, Esq., of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. 1858.

Vol. I., the Scottish Series, of the Reigns of Henry VIII., Edward VI., Mary, and Elizabeth, 1509–1589.

Vol. II., the Scottish Series, of the Reign of Elizabeth, 1589–1603; an Appendix to the Scottish Series, 1543–1592; and the State Papers relating to Mary Queen of Scots.

These volumes relate to Scotland, between 1509 and 1603. In the second volume are Papers relating to Mary Queen of Scots during her Detention in England, 1568–1587.

CALENDAR OF DOCUMENTS relating to IRELAND, in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, London. *Edited by* HENRY SAVAGE SWEETMAN, Esq., B.A., Trinity College, Dublin, Barrister-at-Law (Ireland). 1875-1881.

Vol. I.—1171-1251.
Vol. II.—1252-1284.
Vol. III.—1285-1292.
Vol. IV.—1293-1301.

These volumes contain a Calendar of documents relating to Ireland to be continued to the end of the reign of Henry VII.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS relating to IRELAND, OF THE REIGNS OF HENRY VIII., EDWARD VI., MARY, AND ELIZABETH, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* HANS CLAUDE HAMILTON, Esq., F.S.A. 1860-1877.

Vol. I.—1509-1573.
Vol. II.—1574-1585.
Vol. III.—1586-1588.

The above have been published under the editorship of Mr. H. C. Hamilton.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS relating to IRELAND, OF THE REIGN OF JAMES I., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, and elsewhere. *Edited by* the Rev. C. W. RUSSELL, D.D., and JOHN P. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Barrister-at-Law. 1872-1880.

Vol. I.—1603-1606.
Vol. II.—1606-1608.
Vol. III.—1608-1610.
Vol. IV.—1611-1614.
Vol. V.—1615-1625.

This series is in continuation of the Irish State Papers commencing with the reign of Henry VIII.; but, for the reign of James I., the Papers are not confined to those in the Public Record Office, London.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, COLONIAL SERIES, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, and elsewhere. *Edited by* W. NOEL SAINSBURY, Esq. 1860-1884.

Vol. I.—America and West Indies, 1574-1660.
Vol. II.—East Indies, China, and Japan, 1513-1616.
Vol. III.—East Indies, China, and Japan, 1617-1621.
Vol. IV.—East Indies, China, and Japan, 1622-1624.
Vol. V.—America and West Indies, 1661-1668.
Vol. VI.—East Indies, 1625-1629.

These volumes include an analysis of early Colonial Papers in the Public Record Office, the India Office, and the British Museum.

CALENDAR OF LETTERS AND PAPERS, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, OF THE REIGN OF HENRY VIII., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, the British Museum, &c. *Edited by* J. S. BREWER, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London (Vols. I.-IV.); and *by* JAMES GAIRDNER, Esq., (Vols. V., VI., VII., and VIII.) 1862-1885.

Vol. I.—1509-1514.
Vol. II. (in Two Parts)—1515-1518.
Vol. III. (in Two Parts)—1519-1523.
Vol. IV.—Introduction.
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Vol. IV., Part 2.—1526-1528.
Vol. IV., Part 3.—1529-1530.
Vol. V.—1531-1532.
Vol. VI.—1533.
Vol. VII.—1534.
Vol. VIII.—1535, to July.

These volumes contain summaries of all State Papers and Correspondence relating to the reign of Henry VIII., in the Public Record Office, of those formerly in the State Paper Office, in the British Museum, the Libraries of Oxford and Cambridge, and other Public Libraries; and of all letters that have appeared in print in the works of Burnet, Strype, and others. Whatever authentic original material exists in England relative to the religious, political, parliamentary, or social history of the country during the reign of Henry VIII., whether despatches of ambassadors, or proceedings of the army, navy, treasury, or ordnance, or records of Parliament, appointments of officers, grants from the Crown, &c., will be found calendared in these volumes.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, FOREIGN SERIES, OF THE REIGN OF EDWARD VI., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. 1547-1553. *Edited by* W. B. TURNBULL, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law, &c. 1861.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, FOREIGN SERIES, OF THE REIGN OF MARY, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. 1553–1558. *Edited by* W. B. TURNBULL, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law, &c. 1861.

The two preceding volumes exhibit the negotiations of the English ambassadors with the courts of the Emperor Charles V. of Germany, of Henry II. of France, and of Philip II. of Spain. The affairs of several of the minor continental states also find various incidental illustrations of much interest. The Papers descriptive of the circumstances which attended the loss of Calais merit a special notice; while the progress of the wars in the north of France, into which England was dragged by her union with Spain, is narrated at some length. These volumes treat only of the relations of England with foreign powers.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, FOREIGN SERIES, OF THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, &c. *Edited by* the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A., of University College, Durham, (Vols. I.–VII.), and ALLAN JAMES CROSBY, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law, (Vols. VIII.–XI.) 1863–1880.

Vol. I.—1558–1559.
Vol. II.—1559–1560.
Vol. III.—1560–1561.
Vol. IV.—1561–1562.
Vol. V.—1562.
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Vol. VIII.—1566–1568.
Vol. IX.—1569–1571.
Vol. X.—1572–1574.
Vol. XI.—1575–1577.

These volumes contain a Calendar of the Foreign Correspondence during the early portion of the reign of Elizabeth. They illustrate not only the external but also the domestic affairs of Foreign Countries during that period.

CALENDAR OF TREASURY PAPERS, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* JOSEPH REDINGTON, Esq. 1868–1883.

Vol. I.—1557–1696.
Vol. II.—1697–1702.
Vol. III.—1702–1707.
Vol. IV.—1708–1714.
Vol. V.—1714–1719.

The above Papers connected with the affairs of the Treasury comprise petitions, reports, and other documents relating to services rendered to the State, grants of money and pensions, appointments to offices, remissions of fines and duties, &c. They illustrate civil and military events, finance, the administration in Ireland and the Colonies, &c., and afford information nowhere else recorded.

CALENDAR OF THE CAREW PAPERS, preserved in the Lambeth Library. *Edited by* J. S. BREWER, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London; and WILLIAM BULLEN, Esq. 1867–1873.

Vol. I.—1515–1574.
Vol. II.—1575–1588.
Vol. III.—1589–1600.
Vol. IV.—1601–1603.
Vol. V.—Book of Howth; Miscellaneous.
Vol. VI.—1603–1624.

The Carew Papers relating to Ireland, in the Lambeth Library, are unique, and of great importance to all students of Irish history.

CALENDAR OF LETTERS, DESPATCHES, AND STATE PAPERS, relating to the Negotiations between England and Spain, preserved in the Archives at Simancas, and elsewhere. *Edited by* G. A. BERGENROTH. 1862–1868.

Vol. I.—Hen. VII.—1485–1509.
Vol. II.—Hen. VIII.—1509–1525.
Supplement to Vol. I. and Vol. II.

Mr. Bergenroth was engaged in compiling a Calendar of the Papers relating to England preserved in the archives of Simancas in Spain, and the corresponding portion removed from Simancas to Paris. Mr. Bergenroth also visited Madrid, and examined the Papers there, bearing on the reign of Henry VIII. The first volume contains the Spanish Papers of the reign of Henry VII.; the second volume, those of the first portion of the reign of Henry VIII. The Supplement contains new information relating to the private life of Queen Katharine of England; and to the projected marriage of Henry VII. with Queen Juana, widow of King Philip of Castile, and mother of the Emperor Charles V.

CALENDAR OF LETTERS, DESPATCHES, AND STATE PAPERS, relating to the Negotiations between England and Spain, preserved in the Archives at Simancas, and elsewhere. *Edited by* DON PASCUAL DE GAYANGOS. 1873–1883.

Vol. III., Part 1.—Hen. VIII.—1525–1526.
Vol. III., Part 2.—Hen. VIII.—1527–1529.
Vol. IV., Part 1.—Hen. VIII.—1529–1530.
Vol. IV., Part 2.—Hen. VIII.—1531–1533.
Vol. IV., Part 2.—*continued.*—Hen. VIII.—1531–1533.

Upon the death of Mr. Bergenroth, Don Pascual de Gayangos was appointed to continue the Calendar of the Spanish State Papers. He has pursued a similar plan to that of his predecessor, but has been able to add much valuable matter from Brussels and Vienna, with which Mr. Bergenroth was unacquainted.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPTS, relating to ENGLISH AFFAIRS, preserved in the Archives of Venice, &c. *Edited by* RAWDON BROWN, Esq. 1864–1884.

Vol. I.—1202–1509.
Vol. II.—1509–1519.
Vol. III.—1520–1526.
Vol. IV.—1527–1533.
Vol. V.—1534–1554.
Vol. VI., Part I.—1555–1556.
Vol. VI., Part II.—1556–1557.
Vol. VI., Part III.—1557–1558.

Mr. Rawdon Brown's researches have brought to light a number of valuable documents relating to various periods of English history; his contributions to historical literature are of the most interesting and important character

SYLLABUS, IN ENGLISH, OF RYMER'S FŒDERA. *By* Sir THOMAS DUFFUS HARDY, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. Vol. I.—Will. I.–Edw. III., 1066–1377. Vol. II.—Ric. II.–Chas. II. 1377–1654. Vol. III., Appendix and Index. 1869–1885.

The "Fœdera," or "Rymer's Fœdera," is a collection of miscellaneous documents illustrative of the History of Great Britain and Ireland, from the Norman Conquest to the reign of Charles II. Several editions of the "Fœdera" have been published, and the present Syllabus was undertaken to make the contents of this great National Work more generally known.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY KEEPER OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS AND THE REV. J. S. BREWER TO THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, upon the Carte and Carew Papers in the Bodleian and Lambeth Libraries. 1864. *Price* 2*s.* 6*d.*

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY KEEPER OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS TO THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, upon the Documents in the Archives and Public Libraries of Venice. 1866. *Price* 2*s.* 6*d.*

In the Press.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS relating to IRELAND, OF THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* HANS CLAUDE HAMILTON, Esq., F.S.A. Vol. IV.—1588–1590.

CALENDAR OF DOCUMENTS relating to IRELAND, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, London. Vol. V.—1302–1307. *Edited by* HENRY SAVAGE SWEETMAN, Esq., B.A., Trinity College, Dublin, Barrister-at-Law (Ireland); *continued by* GUSTAVUS FREDERICK HANDCOCK, Esq.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, DOMESTIC SERIES, OF THE REIGN OF CHARLES I., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* WILLIAM DOUGLAS HAMILTON, Esq., F.S.A. Vol. XVIII.—1641–1643.

CALENDAR OF LETTERS, DESPATCHES, AND STATE PAPERS, relating to the Negotiations between England and Spain, preserved in the Archives at Simancas, and elsewhere. *Edited by* DON PASCUAL DE GAYANGOS. Vol. V., Part I.—1534–1536.

CALENDAR OF LETTERS AND PAPERS, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, OF THE REIGN OF HENRY VIII., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, the British Museum, &c. *Edited by* JAMES GAIRDNER, Esq. Vol. IX.—1535, Aug. to Dec.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPTS, relating to ENGLISH AFFAIRS, preserved in the Archives of Venice, &c. Vol. VII.—1559, &c.

In Progress.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, COLONIAL SERIES, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, and elsewhere. *Edited by* W. NOEL SAINSBURY, Esq. Vol. VII.—America and West Indies, 1669, &c. Vol. VIII.—East Indies, 1630, &c.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, FOREIGN SERIES, OF THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. Vol. XII.—1577.

CALENDAR OF TREASURY PAPERS, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* JOSEPH REDINGTON, Esq. Vol. VI.—1720, &c.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, DOMESTIC SERIES, DURING THE COMMONWEALTH, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* MARY ANNE EVERETT GREEN. Vol. XIII.

THE CHRONICLES AND MEMORIALS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND DURING THE MIDDLE AGES.

[ROYAL 8vo. half-bound. *Price* 10*s*. each Volume or Part.]

On 25 July 1822, the House of Commons presented an address to the Crown, stating that the editions of the works of our ancient historians were inconvenient and defective; that many of their writings still remained in manuscript, and, in some cases, in a single copy only. They added, "that an uniform and convenient edition of the whole, published under His Majesty's royal sanction, would be an undertaking honourable to His Majesty's reign, and conducive to the advancement of historical and constitutional knowledge; that the House therefore humbly besought His Majesty, that He would be graciously pleased to give such directions as His Majesty, in His wisdom, might think fit, for the publication of a complete edition of the ancient historians of this realm, and assured His Majesty that whatever expense might be necessary for this purpose would be made good."

The Master of the Rolls, being very desirous that effect should be given to the resolution of the House of Commons, submitted to Her Majesty's Treasury in 1857 a plan for the publication of the ancient chronicles and memorials of the United Kingdom, and it was adopted accordingly. In selecting these works, it was considered right, in the first instance, to give preference to those of which the manuscripts were unique, or the materials of which would help to fill up blanks in English history for which no satisfactory and authentic information hitherto existed in any accessible form. One great object the Master of the Rolls had in view was to form a *corpus historicum* within reasonable limits, and which should be as complete as possible. In a subject of so vast a range, it was important that the historical student should be able to select such volumes as conformed with his own peculiar tastes and studies, and not be put to the expense of purchasing the whole collection; an inconvenience inseparable from any other plan than that which has been in this instance adopted.

Of the Chronicles and Memorials, the following volumes have been published. They embrace the period from the earliest time of British history down to the end of the reign of Henry VII.

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1. THE CHRONICLE OF ENGLAND, by JOHN CAPGRAVE. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. HINGESTON, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1858.

   Capgrave was prior of Lynn, in Norfolk, and provincial of the order of the Friars Hermits of England shortly before the year 1464. His Chronicle extends from the creation of the world to the year 1417. As a record of the language spoken in Norfolk (being written in English), it is of considerable value.

2. CHRONICON MONASTERII DE ABINGDON. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A., of University College, Durham, and Vicar of Leighton Buzzard. 1858.

   This Chronicle traces the history of the great Benedictine monastery of Abingdon in Berkshire, from its foundation by King Ina of Wessex, to the reign of Richard I., shortly after which period the present narrative was drawn up by an inmate of the establishment. The author had access to the title-deeds of the house; and incorporates into his history various charters of the Saxon kings, of great importance as illustrating not only the history of the locality but that of the kingdom. The work is printed for the first time.

3. Lives of Edward the Confessor. I.—La Estoire de Seint Aedward le Rei. II.—Vita Beati Edvardi Regis et Confessoris. III.—Vita Æduuardi Regis qui apud Westmonasterium requiescit. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1858.

The first is a poem in Norman French, containing 4,686 lines, addressed to Alianor, Queen of Henry III., probably written in 1245, on the restoration of the church of Westminster. Nothing is known of the author. The second is an anonymous poem, containing 536 lines, written between 1440 and 1450, by command of Henry VI., to whom it is dedicated. It does not throw any new light on the reign of Edward the Confessor, but is valuable as a specimen of the Latin poetry of the time. The third, also by an anonymous author, was apparently written for Queen Edith, between 1066 and 1074, during the pressure of the suffering brought on the Saxons by the Norman conquest. It notices many facts not found in other writers, and some which differ considerably from the usual accounts.

4. Monumenta Franciscana. Vol. I.—Thomas de Eccleston de Adventu Fratrum Minorum in Angliam. Adæ de Marisco Epistolæ. Registrum Fratrum Minorum Londoniæ. *Edited by* J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. Vol. II.—De Adventu Minorum; re-edited, with additions. Chronicle of the Grey Friars. The ancient English version of the Rule of St. Francis. Abbreviatio Statutorum, 1451, &c. *Edited by* Richard Howlett, Esq., of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1858, 1882.

The first volume contains original materials for the history of the settlement of the order of Saint Francis in England, the letters of Adam de Marisco, and other papers connected with the foundation and diffusion of this great body. It was the aim of the editor to collect whatever historical information could be found in this country, towards illustrating a period of the national history for which only scanty materials exist. None of these have been before printed. The second volume contains materials found, since the first volume was published, among the MSS. of Sir Charles Isham, and in various libraries.

5. Fasciculi Zizaniorum Magistri Johannis Wyclif cum Tritico. Ascribed to Thomas Netter, of Walden, Provincial of the Carmelite Order in England, and Confessor to King Henry the Fifth. *Edited by* the Rev. W. W. Shirley, M.A., Tutor and late Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford. 1858.

This work derives its principal value from being the only contemporaneous account of the rise of the Lollards. When written, the disputes of the schoolmen had been extended to the field of theology, and they appear both in the writings of Wycliff and in those of his adversaries. Wycliff's little bundles of tares are not less metaphysical than theological, and the conflict between Nominalists and Realists rages side by side with the conflict between the different interpreters of Scripture. The work gives a good idea of the controversies at the end of the 14th and the beginning of the 15th centuries.

6. The Buik of the Croniclis of Scotland; or, A Metrical Version of the History of Hector Boece; by William Stewart. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* W. B. Turnbull, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law, 1858.

This is a metrical translation of a Latin Prose Chronicle, written in the first half of the 16th century. The narrative begins with the earliest legends and ends with the death of James I. of Scotland, and the "evil ending of the traitors that slew him." Strict accuracy of statement is not to be looked for; but the stories of the colonization of Spain, Ireland, and Scotland are interesting if not true; and the chronicle reflects the manners, sentiments, and character of the age in which it was composed. The peculiarities of the Scottish dialect are well illustrated in this version, and the student of language will find ample materials for comparison with the English dialects of the same period, and with modern lowland Scotch.

7. Johannis Capgrave Liber de Illustribus Henricis. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. Hingeston, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1858.

This work is dedicated to Henry VI. of England, who appears to have been, in the author's estimation, the greatest of all the Henries. It is divided into three parts, each having a separate dedication. The first part relates only to the history of the Empire, from the election of Henry I., the Fowler, to the end of the reign of the Emperor Henry VI. The second part is devoted to English history, from the accession of Henry I. in 1100, to 1446, which was the twenty-fourth year of the reign of Henry VI. The third part contains the lives of illustrious men who have borne the name of Henry in various parts of the world. Capgrave was born in 1393, in the reign of Richard II., and lived during the Wars of the Roses, for which period his work is of some value.

8. Historia Monasterii S. Augustini Cantuariensis, by Thomas of Elmham, formerly Monk and Treasurer of that Foundation. *Edited by* Charles Hardwick, M.A., Fellow of St. Catharine's Hall, and Christian Advocate in the University of Cambridge. 1858.

This history extends from the arrival of St. Augustine in Kent until 1191. Prefixed is a chronology as far as 1418, which shows in outline what was to have been the character of the work when completed. The only copy known is in the possession of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. The author was connected with Norfolk, and most probably with Elmham, whence he derived his name.

9. Eulogium (Historiarum sive Temporis): Caronicon ab Orbe condito usque ad Annum Domini 1366; a Monacho quodam Malmesbiriensi exaratum. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* F. S. Haydon, Esq., B.A. 1858–1863.

This is a Latin Chronicle extending from the Creation to the latter part of the reign of Edward III., and written by a monk of the Abbey of Malmesbury, in Wiltshire, about the year 1367. A continuation, carrying the history of England down to the year 1413, was added in the former half of the fifteenth century by an author whose name is not known. The original Chronicle is divided into five books, and contains a history of the world generally, but more especially of England to the year 1366. The continuation extends the history down to the coronation of Henry V. The Eulogium itself is chiefly valuable as containing a history, by a contemporary, of the period between 1356 and 1366. The notices of events appear to have been written very soon after their occurrence. Among other interesting matter, the Chronicle contains a diary of the Poitiers campaign, evidently furnished by some person who accompanied the army of the Black Prince. The continuation of the Chronicle is also the work of a contemporary, and gives a very interesting account of the reigns of Richard II. and Henry IV. It is believed to be the earliest authority for the statement that the latter monarch died in the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster.

10. Memorials of Henry the Seventh: Bernardi Andreæ Tholosatis Vita Regis Henrici Septimi; necnon alia quædam ad eundem Regem spectantia. *Edited by* James Gairdner, Esq. 1858.

The contents of this volume are—(1) a life of Henry VII., by his poet laureate and historiographer, Bernard André, of Toulouse, with some compositions in verse, of which he is supposed to have been the author; (2) the journals of Roger Machado during certain embassies on which he was sent by Henry VII. to Spain and Brittany, the first of which had reference to the marriage of the King's son, Arthur, with Catharine of Arragon; (3) two curious reports by envoys sent to Spain in 1505 touching the succession to the Crown of Castile, and a project of marriage between Henry VII. and the Queen of Naples; and (4) an account of Philip of Castile's reception in England in 1506. Other documents of interest are given in an appendix.

11. Memorials of Henry the Fifth. I.—Vita Henrici Quinti, Roberto Redmanno auctore. II.—Versus Rhythmici in laudem Regis Henrici Quinti. III.—Elmhami Liber Metricus de Henrico V. *Edited by* Charles A. Cole, Esq. 1858.

This volume contains three treatises which more or less illustrate the history of the reign of Henry V., viz.: A Life by Robert Redman; a Metrical Chronicle by Thomas Elmham, prior of Lenton, a contemporary author; Versus Rhythmici, written apparently by a monk of Westminster Abbey, who was also a contemporary of Henry V. These works are printed for the first time.

12. MUNIMENTA GILDHALLÆ LONDONIENSIS; Liber Albus, Liber Custumarum, et Liber Horn, in archivis Gildhallæ asservati. Vol. I., Liber Albus. Vol. II. (in Two Parts), Liber Custumarum. Vol. III., Translation of the Anglo-Norman Passages in Liber Albus, Glossaries, Appendices, and Index. *Edited by* HENRY THOMAS RILEY, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law. 1859–1862.

The manuscript of the *Liber Albus*, compiled by John Carpenter, Common Clerk of the City of London in the year 1419, a large folio volume, is preserved in the Record Room of the City of London. It gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of that City in the 12th, 13th, 14th, and early part of the 15th centuries. The *Liber Custumarum* was compiled probably by various hands in the early part of the 14th century during the reign of Edward II. The manuscript, a folio volume, is also preserved in the Record Room of the City of London, though some portion in its original state, borrowed from the City in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and never returned, forms part of the Cottonian MS. Claudius D. II. in the British Museum. It also gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of the City of London in the 12th, 13th, and early part of the 14th centuries.

13. CHRONICA JOHANNIS DE OXENEDES. *Edited by* Sir HENRY ELLIS, K.H. 1859.

Although this Chronicle tells of the arrival of Hengist and Horsa in England in 449, yet it substantially begins with the reign of King Alfred, and comes down to 1292, where it ends abruptly. The history is particularly valuable for notices of events in the eastern portions of the kingdom, not to be elsewhere obtained. Some curious facts are mentioned relative to the floods in that part of England, which are confirmed in the Friesland Chronicle of Anthony Heinrich, pastor of the Island of Mohr.

14. A COLLECTION OF POLITICAL POEMS AND SONGS RELATING TO ENGLISH HISTORY, FROM THE ACCESSION OF EDWARD III. TO THE REIGN OF HENRY VIII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A. 1859–1861.

These Poems are perhaps the most interesting of all the historical writings of the period, though they cannot be relied on for accuracy of statement. They are various in character; some are upon religious subjects, some may be called satires, and some give no more than a court scandal; but as a whole they present a very fair picture of society, and of the relations of the different classes to one another. The period comprised is in itself interesting, and brings us through the decline of the feudal system, to the beginning of our modern history. The songs in old English are of considerable value to the philologist.

15. The "OPUS TERTIUM," "OPUS MINUS," &c., of ROGER BACON. *Edited by* J. S. BREWER, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. 1859.

This is the celebrated treatise—never before printed—so frequently referred to by the great philosopher in his works. It contains the fullest details we possess of the life and labours of Roger Bacon: also a fragment by the same author, supposed to be unique, the "*Compendium Studii Theologiæ.*"

16. BARTHOLOMÆI DE COTTON, MONACHI NORWICENSIS, HISTORIA ANGLICANA; 449–1298: necnon ejusdem Liber de Archiepiscopis et Episcopis Angliæ. *Edited by* HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1859.

The author, a monk of Norwich, has here given us a Chronicle of England from the arrival of the Saxons in 449 to the year 1298, in or about which year it appears that he died. The latter portion of this history (the whole of the reign of Edward I. more especially) is of great value, as the writer was contemporary with the events which he records. An Appendix contains several illustrative documents connected with the previous narrative.

17. BRUT Y TYWYSOGION; or, The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales. *Edited by* the Rev. JOHN WILLIAMS AB ITHEL, M.A. 1860.

This work, also known as "The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales," has been attributed to Caradoc of Llancarvan, who flourished about the middle of the twelfth century. It is written in the ancient Welsh language, begins with the abdication and death of Caedwala at Rome, in the year 681, and continues the history down to the subjugation of Wales by Edward I., about the year 1282.

18. A Collection of Royal and Historical Letters during the Reign of Henry IV. 1399–1404. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. Hingeston, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1860.

This volume, like all the others in the series containing a miscellaneous selection of letters, is valuable on account of the light it throws upon biographical history, and the familiar view it presents of characters, manners, and events. The period requires much elucidation; to which it will materially contribute.

19. The Repressor of over much Blaming of the Clergy. By Reginald Pecock, sometime Bishop of Chichester. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* Churchill Babington, B.D., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1860.

The "Repressor" may be considered the earliest piece of good theological disquisition of which our English prose literature can boast. The author was born about the end of the fourteenth century, consecrated Bishop of St. Asaph in the year 1444, and translated to the see of Chichester in 1450. While Bishop of St. Asaph, he zealously defended his brother prelates from the attacks of those who censured the bishops for their neglect of duty. He maintained that it was no part of a bishop's functions to appear in the pulpit, and that his time might be more profitably spent, and his dignity better maintained, in the performance of works of a higher character. Among those who thought differently were the Lollards, and against their general doctrines the "Repressor" is directed. Pecock took up a position midway between that of the Roman Church and that of the modern Anglican Church; but his work is interesting chiefly because it gives a full account of the views of the Lollards and of the arguments by which they were supported, and because it assists us to ascertain the state of feeling which ultimately led to the Reformation. Apart from religious matters, the light thrown upon contemporaneous history is very small, but the "Repressor" has great value for the philologist, as it tells us what were the characteristics of the language in use among the cultivated Englishmen of the fifteenth century. Pecock, though an opponent of the Lollards, showed a certain spirit of toleration, for which he received, towards the end of his life, the usual mediæval reward—persecution.

20. Annales Cambriæ. *Edited by* the Rev. John Williams ab Ithel, M.A. 1860.

These annals, which are in Latin, commence in 447, and come down to 1288. The earlier portion appears to be taken from an Irish Chronicle, used by Tigernach, and by the compiler of the Annals of Ulster. During its first century it contains scarcely anything relating to Britain, the earliest direct concurrence with English history is relative to the mission of Augustine. Its notices throughout, though brief, are valuable. The annals were probably written at St. Davids, by Blegewryd, Archdeacon of Llandaff, the most learned man in his day in all Cymru.

21. The Works of Giraldus Cambrensis. Vols. I., II., III., and IV. *Edited by* J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. Vols. V., VI., and VII. *Edited by* the Rev. James F. Dimock, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1861–1877.

These volumes contain the historical works of Gerald du Barry, who lived in the reigns of Henry II., Richard I., and John, and attempted to re-establish the independence of Wales by restoring the see of St. Davids to its ancient primacy. His works are of a very miscellaneous nature, both in prose and verse, and are remarkable chiefly for the racy and original anecdotes which they contain relating to contemporaries. He is the only Welsh writer of any importance who has contributed so much to the mediæval literature of this country, or assumed, in consequence of his nationality, so free and independent a tone. His frequent travels in Italy, in France, in Ireland, and in Wales, gave him opportunities for observation which did not generally fall to the lot of mediæval writers in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, and of these observations Giraldus has made due use. Only extracts from these treatises have been printed before, and almost all of them are taken from unique manuscripts.

The Topographia Hibernica (in Vol. V.) is the result of Giraldus' two visits to Ireland. The first in 1183, the second in 1185–6, when he accompanied Prince John into that country. Curious as this treatise is, Mr. Dimock is of opinion that it ought not to be accepted as sober truthful history, for Giraldus himself states that truth was not his main object, and that he compiled the work for the purpose of sounding the praises of Henry the Second. Elsewhere, however, he declares that he had stated nothing in the Topographia of the truth of which he was not well assured, either by his own eyesight or by the testimony, with all diligence elicited, of the most trustworthy and authentic men in the country; that though he did not put just the same full faith in their reports as in what he had himself seen, yet, as they only related what they had themselves seen, he could not but believe such credible witnesses. A very interesting portion of this treatise is devoted to the animals of Ireland. It shows that he was a very accurate and acute observer, and his descriptions are given in a way that a scientific naturalist of the present day could hardly improve upon. The Expugnatio Hibernica was written about 1188 and may be regarded rather as a great epic than a sober relation of acts occurring in his own days. No one can peruse it without coming to the conclusion that it is rather a poetical fiction than a prosaic truthful history. Vol. VI. contains the Itinerarium Kambriæ et Descriptio Kambriæ: and Vol. VII., the lives of S. Remigius and S. Hugh.

22. Letters and Papers illustrative of the Wars of the English in France during the Reign of Henry the Sixth, King of England. Vol. I., and Vol. II. (in Two Parts). *Edited by* the Rev. Joseph Stevenson, M.A., of University College, Durham, and Vicar of Leighton Buzzard. 1861–1864.

These letters and papers are derived chiefly from originals or contemporary copies extant in the Bibliothèque Impériale, and the Depôt des Archives, in Paris. They illustrate the policy adopted by John Duke of Bedford and his successors during their government of Normandy, and other provinces of France acquired by Henry V. Here may be traced, step by step, the gradual declension of the English power, until we are prepared for its final overthrow.

23. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, according to the several Original Authorities. Vol. I., Original Texts. Vol. II., Translation. *Edited and translated by* Benjamin Thorpe, Esq., Member of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Munich, and of the Society of Netherlandish Literature at Leyden. 1861.

This Chronicle, extending from the earliest history of Britain to 1154, is justly the boast of England; no other nation can produce any history, written in its own vernacular, at all approaching it, in antiquity, truthfulness, or extent, the historical books of the Bible alone excepted. There are at present six independent manuscripts of the Saxon Chronicle, ending in different years, and written in different parts of the country. In this edition, the text of each manuscript is printed in columns on the same page, so that the student may see at a glance the various changes which occur in orthography, whether arising from locality or age.

24. Letters and Papers illustrative of the Reigns of Richard III. and Henry VII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* James Gairdner, Esq. 1861–1863.

The Papers are derived from MSS. in the Public Record Office, the British Museum, and other repositories. The period to which they refer is unusually destitute of chronicles and other sources of historical information, so that the light obtained from them is of special importance. The principal contents of the volumes are some diplomatic Papers of Richard III.; correspondence between Henry VII. and Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain; documents relating to Edmund de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk; and a portion of the correspondence of James IV. of Scotland.

25. Letters of Bishop Grosseteste, illustrative of the Social Condition of his Time. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1861.

The Letters of Robert Grosseteste (131 in number) are here collected from various sources, and a large portion of them is printed for the first time. They range in

date from about 1210 to 1253, and relate to various matters connected not only with the political history of England during the reign of Henry III., but with its ecclesiastical condition. They refer especially to the diocese of Lincoln, of which Grosseteste was bishop.

26. DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND. Vol. I. (in Two Parts); Anterior to the Norman Invasion. Vol. II.; 1066-1200. Vol. III.; 1200-1327. *By* Sir THOMAS DUFFUS HARDY, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. 1862-1871.

The object of this work is to publish notices of all known sources of British history, both printed and unprinted, in one continued sequence. The materials, when historical (as distinguished from biographical), are arranged under the year in which the latest event is recorded in the chronicle or history, and not under the period in which its author, real or supposed, flourished. Biographies are enumerated under the year in which the person commemorated died, and not under the year in which the life was written. This arrangement has two advantages; the materials for any given period may be seen at a glance; and if the reader knows the time when an author wrote, and the number of years that had elapsed between the date of the events and the time the writer flourished, he will generally be enabled to form a fair estimate of the comparative value of the narrative itself. A brief analysis of each work has been added when deserving it, in which original portions are distinguished from mere compilations. If possible, the sources are indicated from which compilations have been derived. A biographical sketch of the author of each piece has been added, and a brief notice of such British authors as have written on historical subjects.

27. ROYAL AND OTHER HISTORICAL LETTERS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE REIGN OF HENRY III. Vol. I., 1216-1235. Vol. II., 1236-1272. *Selected and edited by* the Rev. W. W. SHIRLEY, D.D., Regius Professor in Ecclesiastical History, and Canon of Christ Church, Oxford. 1862-1866.

The letters contained in these volumes are derived chiefly from the ancient correspondence formerly in the Tower of London, and now in the Public Record Office. They illustrate the political history of England during the growth of its liberties, and throw considerable light upon the personal history of Simon de Montfort. The affairs of France form the subject of many of them, especially in regard to the province of Gascony. The entire collection consists of nearly 700 documents, the greater portion of which is printed for the first time.

28. CHRONICA MONASTERII S. ALBANI.—1. THOMÆ WALSINGHAM HISTORIA ANGLICANA; Vol. I., 1272-1381: Vol. II., 1381-1422. 2. WILLELMI RISHANGER CHRONICA ET ANNALES, 1259-1307. 3. JOHANNIS DE TROKELOWE ET HENRICI DE BLANEFORDE CHRONICA ET ANNALES, 1259-1296; 1307-1324; 1392-1406. 4. GESTA ABBATUM MONASTERII S. ALBANI, A THOMA WALSINGHAM, REGNANTE RICARDO SECUNDO, EJUSDEM ECCLESIÆ PRÆCENTORE, COMPILATA; Vol. I., 793-1290: Vol. II., 1290-1349: Vol. III., 1349-1411. 5. JOHANNIS AMUNDESHAM, MONACHI MONASTERII S. ALBANI, UT VIDETUR, ANNALES; Vols. I. and II. 6. REGISTRA QUORUNDAM ABBATUM MONASTERII S. ALBANI, QUI SÆCULO XV^mo FLORUERE; Vol. I., REGISTRUM ABBATIÆ JOHANNIS WHETHAMSTEDE, ABBATIS MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI, ITERUM SUSCEPTÆ; ROBERTO BLAKENEY, CAPELLANO, QUONDAM ADSCRIPTUM: Vol. II., REGISTRA JOHANNIS WHETHAMSTEDE, WILLELMI ALBON, ET WILLELMI WALINGFORDE, ABBATUM MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI, CUM APPENDICE, CONTINENTE QUASDAM EPISTOLAS, A JOHANNE WHETHAMSTEDE CONSCRIPTAS. 7. YPODIGMA NEUSTRIÆ A THOMA WALSINGHAM, QUONDAM MONACHO MONASTERII S. ALBANI, CONSCRIPTUM. *Edited by* HENRY THOMAS RILEY, Esq., M.A., Cambridge and Oxford; and of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1863-1876.

In the first two volumes is a History of England, from the death of Henry III. to the death of Henry V., by Thomas Walsingham, Precentor of St. Albans, from MS. VII. in the Arundel Collection in the College of Arms, London, a manuscript of the fifteenth century, collated with MS. 13 E. IX. in the King's Library in the British Museum, and MS. VII. in the Parker Collection of Manuscripts at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

In the 3rd volume is a Chronicle of English History, attributed to William Rishanger, who lived in the reign of Edward I., from the Cotton. MS. Faustina B. IX. in the British Museum, collated with MS. 14 C. VII. (fols. 219–231) in the King's Library, British Museum, and the Cotton MS. Claudius E. III., fols. 306–331: an account of transactions attending the award of the kingdom of Scotland to John Balliol, 1291–1292, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI., also attributed to William Rishanger, but on no sufficient ground: a short Chronicle of English History, 1292 to 1300, by an unknown hand, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: a short Chronicle Willelmi Rishanger Gesta Edwardi Primi, Regis Angliæ, from MS. 14 C. I. in the Royal Library, and MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI., with Annales Regum Angliæ, probably by the same hand: and fragments of three Chronicles of English History, 1285 to 1307.

In the 4th volume is a Chronicle of English History, 1259 to 1296, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: Annals of Edward II., 1307 to 1323, by John de Trokelowe, a monk of St. Albans, and a continuation of Trokelowe's Annals, 1323, 1324, by Henry de Blaneforde, both from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: a full Chronicle of English History, 1392 to 1406, from MS. VII. in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; and an account of the Benefactors of St. Albans, written in the early part of the 15th century from MS. VI. in the same Library.

The 5th, 6th, and 7th volumes contain a history of the Abbots of St. Albans, 793 to 1411, mainly compiled by Thomas Walsingham, from MS. Cotton. Claudius E. IV., in the British Museum: with a Continuation, from the closing pages of Parker MS. VII., in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

The 8th and 9th volumes, in continuation of the Annals, contain a Chronicle, probably by John Amundesham, a monk of St. Albans.

The 10th and 11th volumes relate especially to the acts and proceedings of Abbots Whethamstede, Albon, and Wallingford, and may be considered as a memorial of the chief historical and domestic events during those periods.

The 12th volume contains a compendious History of England to the reign of Henry V., and of Normandy in early times, also by Thomas Walsingham, and dedicated to Henry V. The compiler has often substituted other authorities in place of those consulted in the preparation of his larger work.

29. Chronicon Abbatiæ Eveshamensis, Auctoribus Dominico Priore Eveshamiæ et Thoma de Marleberge Abbate, a Fundatione ad Annum 1213, una cum Continuatione ad Annum 1418. *Edited by* the Rev. W. D. Macray, Bodleian Library, Oxford. 1863.

The Chronicle of Evesham illustrates the history of that important monastery from its foundation by Egwin, about 690, to the year 1418. Its chief feature is an autobiography, which makes us acquainted with the inner daily life of a great abbey, such as but rarely has been recorded. Interspersed are many notices of general, personal, and local history which will be read with much interest. This work exists in a single MS., and is for the first time printed.

30. Ricardi de Cirencestria Speculum Historiale de Gestis Regum Angliæ. Vol. I., 447–871. Vol. II., 872–1066. *Edited by* John E. B. Mayor, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1863–1869.

The compiler, Richard of Cirencester, was a monk of Westminster, 1355–1400. In 1391 he obtained a licence to make a pilgrimage to Rome. His history, in four books, extends from 447 to 1066. He announces his intention of continuing it, but there is no evidence that he completed any more. This chronicle gives many charters in favour of Westminster Abbey, and a very full account of the lives and miracles of the saints, especially of Edward the Confessor, whose reign occupies the fourth book. A treatise on the Coronation, by William of Sudbury, a monk of Westminster, fills book iii. c. 3. It was on this author that C. J. Bertram fathered his forgery, *De Situ Brittaniæ*, in 1747.

31. Year Books of the Reign of Edward the First. Years 20–21, 21–22, 30–31, 32–33, and 33–35 Edw. I.; and 11–12 Edw. III. *Edited and translated by* Alfred John Horwood, Esq., of the Middle Temple, Barrister-

at-Law. Years 12–13 Edward III. *Edited and translated by* LUKE OWEN PIKE, Esq., M.A., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. 1863–1885.

The volumes known as the "Year Books" contain reports in Norman-French of Cases argued and decided in the Courts of Common Law. They may be considered to a great extent as the "lex non scripta" of England, held in the highest veneration by the ancient sages of the law, and received by them as the repositories of the first recorded judgments and dicta of the great legal luminaries of past ages. They are also worthy of attention on account of the historical information and the notices of public and private persons which they contain, as well as the light which they throw on ancient manners and customs.

32. NARRATIVES OF THE EXPULSION OF THE ENGLISH FROM NORMANDY 1449–1450. —Robertus Blondelli de Reductione Normanniæ: Le Recouvrement de Normendie, par Berry, Hérault du Roy: Conferences between the Ambassadors of France and England. *Edited, from MSS. in the Imperial Library at Paris, by* the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A., of University College, Durham. 1863.

This volume contains the narrative of an eye-witness who details with considerable power and minuteness the circumstances which attended the final expulsion of the English from Normandy in 1450. Commencing with the infringement of the truce by the capture of Fougères, and ending with the battle of Formigny and the embarkation of the Duke of Somerset. The period embraced is less than two years.

33. HISTORIA ET CARTULARIUM MONASTERII S. PETRI GLOUCESTRIÆ. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* W. H. HART, Esq., F.S.A., Membre correspondant de la Société des Antiquaires de Normandie. 1863–1867.

This work consists of two parts, the History and the Cartulary of the Monastery of St. Peter, Gloucester. The history furnishes an account of the monastery from its foundation, in the year 681, to the early part of the reign of Richard II. together with a calendar of donations and benefactions. It treats principally of the affairs of the monastery, but occasionally matters of general history are introduced. Its authorship has generally been assigned to Walter Froucester, the twentieth abbot, but without any foundation.

34. ALEXANDRI NECKAM DE NATURIS RERUM LIBRI DUO; with NECKAM'S POEM, DE LAUDIBUS DIVINÆ SAPIENTIÆ. *Edited by* THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A. 1863.

Neckam was a man who devoted himself to science, such as it was in the twelfth century. In the "De Naturis Rerum" are to be found what may be called the rudiments of many sciences mixed up with much error and ignorance. Neckam was not thought infallible, even by his contemporaries, for Roger Bacon remarks of him, "this Alexander in many things wrote what was true and useful; "but he neither can nor ought by just title to be reckoned among authorities." Neckam, however, had sufficient independence of thought to differ from some of the schoolmen who in his time considered themselves the only judges of literature. He had his own views in morals, and in giving us a glimpse of them, as well as of his other opinions, he throws much light upon the manners, customs and general tone of thought prevalent in the twelfth century. The poem entitled "De Laudibus Divinæ Sapientiæ" appears to be a metrical paraphrase or abridgment of the "De Naturis Rerum." It is written in the elegiac metre, and though there are many lines which violate classical rules, it is, as a whole above the ordinary standard of mediæval Latin.

35. LEECHDOMS, WORTCUNNING, AND STARCRAFT OF EARLY ENGLAND; being a Collection of Documents illustrating the History of Science in this Country before the Norman Conquest. Vols. I., II., and III. *Collected and edited by* the Rev. T. OSWALD COCKAYNE, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, 1864–1866.

This work illustrates not only the history of science, but the history of superstition. In addition to the information bearing directly upon the medical skill and medical faith of the times, there are many passages which incidentally throw light upon the general mode of life and ordinary diet. The volumes are interesting

not only in their scientific, but also in their social aspect. The manuscripts from which they have been printed are valuable to the Anglo-Saxon scholar for the illustrations they afford of Anglo-Saxon orthography.

36. ANNALES MONASTICI. Vol. I.:—Annales de Margan, 1066–1232; Annales de Theokesberia, 1066–1263; Annales de Burton, 1004–1263. Vol. II.:—Annales Monasterii de Wintonia, 519–1277; Annales Monasterii de Waverleia, 1–1291. Vol. III.:—Annales Prioratus de Dunstaplia, 1–1297. Annales Monasterii de Bermundeseia, 1042–1432. Vol. IV.:—Annales Monasterii de Oseneia, 1016–1347; Chronicon vulgo dictum Chronicon Thomæ Wykes, 1066–1289; Annales Prioratus de Wigornia, 1–1377. Vol. V.:—Index and Glossary. *Edited by* HENRY RICHARDS LUARD, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, and Registrary of the University, Cambridge. 1864–1869.

The present collection of Monastic Annals embraces all the more important chronicles compiled in religious houses in England during the thirteenth century. These distinct works are ten in number. The extreme period which they embrace ranges from the year 1 to 1432, although they refer more especially to the reigns of John, Henry III., and Edward I. Some of these narratives have already appeared in print, but others are printed for the first time.

37. MAGNA VITA S. HUGONIS EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS. From MSS. in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and the Imperial Library, Paris. *Edited by* the Rev. JAMES F. DIMOCK, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1864.

This work contains a number of very curious and interesting incidents, and being the work of a contemporary, is very valuable, not only as a truthful biography of a celebrated ecclesiastic, but as the work of a man, who, from personal knowledge, gives notices of passing events, as well as of individuals who were then taking active part in public affairs. The author, in all probability, was Adam Abbot of Evesham. He was domestic chaplain and private confessor of Bishop Hugh, and in these capacities was admitted to the closest intimacy, Bishop Hugh was Prior of Witham for 11 years before he became Bishop of Lincoln. His consecration took place on the 21st September 1186; he died on the 16th of November 1200; and was canonized in 1220.

38. CHRONICLES AND MEMORIALS OF THE REIGN OF RICHARD THE FIRST. Vol. I.:—ITINERARIUM PEREGRINORUM ET GESTA REGIS RICARDI. Vol. II.:—EPISTOLÆ CANTUARIENSES; the Letters of the Prior and Convent of Christ Church, Canterbury; 1187 to 1199. *Edited by* WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Vicar of Navestock, Essex, and Lambeth Librarian. 1864–1865.

The authorship of the Chronicle in Vol. I., hitherto ascribed to Geoffrey Vinesauf, is now more correctly ascribed to Richard, Canon of the Holy Trinity of London. The narrative extends from 1187 to 1199; but its chief interest consists in the minute and authentic narrative which it furnishes of the exploits of Richard I., from his departure from England in December 1189 to his death in 1199. The author states in his prologue that he was an eye-witness of much that he records; and various incidental circumstances which occur in the course of the narrative confirm this assertion.

The letters in Vol. II., written between 1187 and 1199, are of value as furnishing authentic materials for the history of the ecclesiastical condition of England during the reign of Richard I. They had their origin in a dispute which arose from the attempts of Baldwin and Hubert, archbishops of Canterbury, to found a college of secular canons, a project which gave great umbrage to the monks of Canterbury, who saw in it a design to supplant them in their function of metropolitan chapter. These letters are printed, for the first time, from a MS. belonging to the archiepiscopal library at Lambeth.

39. RECUEIL DES CRONIQUES ET ANCHIENNES ISTORIES DE LA GRANT BRETAIGNE A PRESENT NOMME ENGLETERRE, par JEHAN DE WAURIN. Vol. I. Albina to 688. Vol. II., 1399–1422. Vol. III., 1422–1431. *Edited by* Sir WILLIAM HARDY, F.S.A. 1864–1879. Vol. IV. 1431–1443. *Edited by* Sir WILLIAM HARDY, F.S.A., and EDWARD L. C. P. HARDY, Esq., F.S.A., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-law. 1884.

40. A COLLECTION OF THE CHRONICLES AND ANCIENT HISTORIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, NOW CALLED ENGLAND, by JOHN DE WAVRIN. Albina to 688. (Translation

the preceding Vol. I.) *Edited and translated by* Sir WILLIAM HARDY, F.S.A. 1864.

This curious chronicle extends from the fabulous period of history down to the return of Edward IV. to England in the year 1471 after the second deposition of Henry VI. The manuscript from which the text of the work is taken is preserved in the Imperial Library at Paris, and is believed to be the only complete and nearly contemporary copy in existence. The work, as originally bound, was comprised in six volumes, since rebound in morocco in 12 volumes, folio maximo, vellum, and is illustrated with exquisite miniatures, vignettes, and initial letters. It was written towards the end of the fifteenth century, having been expressly executed for Louis de Bruges, Seigneur de la Gruthuyse and Earl of Winchester, from whose cabinet it passed into the library of Louis XII. at Blois.

41. POLYCHRONICON RANULPHI HIGDEN, with Trevisa's Translation. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* CHURCHILL BABINGTON, B.D., Senior Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. Vols. III., IV., V., VI., VII., and VIII. *Edited by* the Rev. JOSEPH RAWSON LUMBY, D.D., Norrisian Professor of Divinity, Vicar of St. Edward's, Fellow of St. Catharine's College, and late Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge. 1865–1883.

This is one of the many mediæval chronicles which assume the character of a history of the world. It begins with the creation, and is brought down to the author's own time, the reign of Edward III. Prefixed to the historical portion, is a chapter devoted to geography, in which is given a description of every known land. To say that the Polychronicon was written in the fourteenth century is to say that it is not free from inaccuracies. It has, however, a value apart from its intrinsic merits. It enables us to form a very fair estimate of the knowledge of history and geography which well-informed readers of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries possessed, for it was then the standard work on general history.

The two English translations, which are printed with the original Latin, afford interesting illustrations of the gradual change of our language, for one was made in the fourteenth century, the other in the fifteenth. The differences between Trevisa's version and that of the unknown writer are often considerable.

42. LE LIVERE DE REIS DE BRITTANIE E LE LIVERE DE REIS DE ENGLETERE. *Edited by* JOHN GLOVER, M.A., Vicar of Brading, Isle of Wight, formerly Librarian of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1865.

These two treatises, though they cannot rank as independent narratives, are nevertheless valuable as careful abstracts of previous historians, especially "Le Livere de Reis de Engletere." Some various readings are given which are interesting to the philologist as instances of semi-Saxonized French. It is supposed that Peter of Ickham was the supposed author.

43. CHRONICA MONASTERII DE MELSA AB ANNO 1150 USQUE AD ANNUM 1406. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* EDWARD AUGUSTUS BOND, Esq., Assistant Keeper of Manuscripts, and Egerton Librarian, British Museum. 1866–1868.

The Abbey of Meaux was a Cistercian house, and the work of its abbot is both curious and valuable. It is a faithful and often minute record of the establishment of a religious community, of its progress in forming an ample revenue, of its struggles to maintain its acquisitions, and of its relations to the governing institutions of the country. In addition to the private affairs of the monastery, some light is thrown upon the public events of the time, which are however kept distinct, and appear at the end of the history of each abbot's administration. The text has been printed from what is said to be the autograph of the original compiler, Thomas de Burton, the nineteenth abbot.

44. MATTHÆI PARISIENSIS HISTORIA ANGLORUM, SIVE, UT VULGO DICITUR, HISTORIA MINOR. Vols. I., II., and III. 1067–1253. *Edited by* Sir FREDERIC MADDEN, K.H., Keeper of the Manuscript Department of British Museum. 1866–1869.

The exact date at which this work was written is, according to the chronicler, 1250. The history is of considerable value as an illustration of the period during which the author lived, and contains a good summary of the events which followed

the Conquest. This minor chronicle is, however, based on another work (also written by Matthew Paris) giving fuller details, which has been called the "Historia Major." The chronicle here published, nevertheless, gives some information not to be found in the greater history.

45. LIBER MONASTERII DE HYDA: A CHRONICLE AND CHARTULARY OF HYDE ABBEY, WINCHESTER, 455–1023. *Edited, from a Manuscript in the Library of the Earl of Macclesfield, by* EDWARD EDWARDS, Esq. 1866.

The "Book of Hyde" is a compilation from much earlier sources which are usually indicated with considerable care and precision. In many cases, however, the Hyde Chronicler appears to correct, to qualify, or to amplify—either from tradition or from sources of information not now discoverable—the statements, which, in substance, he adopts. He also mentions, and frequently quotes from writers whose works are either entirely lost or at present known only by fragments.

There is to be found, in the "Book of Hyde," much information relating to the reign of King Alfred which is not known to exist elsewhere. The volume contains some curious specimens of Anglo-Saxon and Mediæval English.

46. CHRONICON SCOTORUM: A CHRONICLE OF IRISH AFFAIRS, from the EARLIEST TIMES to 1135; and SUPPLEMENT, containing the Events from 1141 to 1150. *Edited, with Translation, by* WILLIAM MAUNSELL HENNESSY, Esq., M.R.I.A. 1866.

There is, in this volume, a legendary account of the peopling of Ireland and of the adventures which befell the various heroes who are said to have been connected with Irish history. The details are, however, very meagre both for this period and for the time when history becomes more authentic. The plan adopted in the chronicle gives the appearance of an accuracy to which the earlier portions of the work cannot have any claim. The succession of events is marked, year by year, from A.M. 1599 to A.D. 1150. The principal events narrated in the later portion of the work are, the invasions of foreigners, and the wars of the Irish among themselves. The text has been printed from a MS. preserved in the library of Trinity College, Dublin, written partly in Latin, partly in Irish.

47. THE CHRONICLE OF PIERRE DE LANGTOFT, IN FRENCH VERSE, FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD TO THE DEATH OF EDWARD I. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* THOMAS WRIGHT, Esq., M.A. 1866–1868.

It is probable that Pierre de Langtoft was a canon of Bridlington, in Yorkshire, and lived in the reign of Edward I., and during a portion of the reign of Edward II. This chronicle is divided into three parts; in the first, is an abridgment of Geoffrey of Monmouth's "Historia Britonum;" in the second, a history of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman kings, to the death of Henry III.; in the third, a history of the reign of Edward I. The principal object of the work was apparently to show the justice of Edward's Scottish wars. The language is singularly corrupt, and a curious specimen of the French of Yorkshire.

48. THE WAR OF THE GAEDHIL WITH THE GAILL, OR THE INVASIONS OF IRELAND BY THE DANES AND OTHER NORSEMEN. *Edited, with a Translation, by* JAMES HENTHORN TODD, D.D., Senior Fellow of Trinity College, and Regius Professor of Hebrew in the University, Dublin. 1867.

The work in its present form, in the editor's opinion, is a comparatively modern version of an undoubtedly ancient original. That it was compiled from contemporary materials has been proved by curious incidental evidence. It is stated in the account given of the battle of Clontarf that the full tide in Dublin Bay on the day of the battle (23 April 1014) coincided with sunrise; and that the returning tide in the evening aided considerably in the defeat of the Danes. The fact has been verified by astronomical calculations, and the inference is that the author of the chronicle, if not an eye-witness, must have derived his information from eye-witnesses. The contents of the work are sufficiently described in its title. The story is told after the manner of the Scandinavian Sagas, with poems and fragments of poems introduced into the prose narrative.

49. GESTA REGIS HENRICI SECUNDI BENEDICTI ABBATIS. CHRONICLE OF THE REIGNS OF HENRY II. AND RICHARD I., 1169–1192, known under the name of BENEDICT OF PETERBOROUGH. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* WILLIAM STUBBS, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, Oxford, and Lambeth Librarian. 1867.

This chronicle of the reigns of Henry II. and Richard I., known commonly under the name of Benedict of Peterborough, is one of the best existing specimens of a class of historical compositions of the first importance to the student.

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This work has long been justly celebrated, but not thoroughly understood until Mr. Stubbs' edition. The earlier portion, extending from 732 to 1148, appears to be a copy of a compilation made in Northumbria about 1161, to which Hoveden added little. From 1148 to 1169—a very valuable portion of this work—the matter is derived from another source, to which Hoveden appears to have supplied little, and not always judiciously. From 1170 to 1192 is the portion which corresponds with the Chronicle known under the name of Benedict of Peterborough (*see* No. 49); but it is not a copy, being sometimes an abridgment, at others a paraphrase; occasionally the two works entirely agree; showing that both writers had access to the same materials, but dealt with them differently. From 1192 to 1201 may be said to be wholly Hoveden's work: it is extremely valuable, and an authority of the first importance.

52. WILLELMI MALMESBIRIENSIS MONACHI DE GESTIS PONTIFICUM ANGLORUM LIBRI QUINQUE. *Edited, from William of Malmesbury's Autograph MS., by* N. E. S. A. HAMILTON, Esq., of the Department of Manuscripts, British Museum. 1870.

William of Malmesbury's "Gesta Pontificum" is the principal foundation of English Ecclesiastical Biography, down to the year 1122. The manuscript which has been followed in this Edition is supposed by Mr. Hamilton to be the author's autograph, containing his latest additions and amendments.

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The original of this chronicle has passed under various names. The title of "Annals of Loch Cé" was given to it by Professor O'Curry, on the ground that it was transcribed for Brian Mac Dermot, an Irish chieftain, who resided on the island in Loch Cé, in the county of Roscommon. It adds much to the materials for the civil and ecclesiastical history of Ireland; and contains many curious references to English and foreign affairs, not noticed in any other chronicle.

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This book contains the ancient ordinances and laws relating to the navy, and was probably compiled for the use of the Lord High Admiral of England. Selden calls it the "jewel of the Admiralty Records." Prynne ascribes to the Black Book the same authority in the Admiralty as the Black and Red Books have in the Court of Exchequer, and most English writers on maritime law recognize its importance.

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